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RED ARMIES CONTINUE SOUTHWARD ADVANCE

Cross Into Hunan In Drive From Nanchang MAY BYPASS CHANGSHA

Canton, July 19.

Chinese Communist armies, striking South Westward from Nanchang, crossed into Hunan Province at two points and were continuing their advance, according to usually reliable reports reaching Canton tonight from Changsha, the provincial capital of Hunan.

Hengyang and Leiyang, two towns on the Canton-Hankow railway, are likely objectives. Hengyang is 90 miles South of Changsha, while Leiyang is 35 miles South of Hengyang. All available indications here indicate that the Communists intend to bypass Changsha.

The military situation is believed to have delayed the air service between Changsha and Hengyang. A military plane is shuttling between these two cities, and it is likely that Changsha airport will be closed to civil air transport.

A report received here today confirmed that Changsha, only 10 miles North of Changsha, was in Communist hands. General Pao Chung-hsi, the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief of the Central China front, was seen in Changsha only yesterday. All Government offices in Changsha were ordered to evacuate by July 20.

Kian Recaptured

Chinese Nationalists today reported the recapture of Kian, 300 miles North of Canton, in renewed Central China fighting, reports Associated Press.

However, they admitted loss of Chishui, 10 miles North of Kian, to Communist troops under one-eyed General Liu Po-cheng.

Meanwhile, pro-Government despatches said Nationalist troops blew up bridges on the Canton-Hankow railway North of the Miao River which guards approaches to Changsha.

Nationalists said they had halted a Westward thrust by the Reds toward the coal-mining town of Pingliang, in the same area as Kian.

S.E. Headquarters

Meanwhile the Nationalist Executive Yuan met to create a South Eastern political and military

Chinese Reds' Dependence On Russia

Shanghai, July 19.

General Chu Teh, Commander in Chief of the Chinese Communist Army, said in Peking that without the existence of the Soviet Union the Communist victory in China would not have been possible, the local Chinese press reported.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association, General Chu called the establishment of the organization an event full of important meaning.

"The Soviet Union is China's most intimate and most dependable friend," he said. "The victory of the Chinese people's democratic revolution cannot be separated from the friendship of the Soviet Union."—United Press.

It was learned on Monday that the Communists in Central China are undertaking a general offensive on a 500-mile front against Canton. The New China News Agency said 16 cities have been captured in the preliminary phase of the drives.

General Lin Biao's efficient Manchurian forces driving against troops guarding Szechuan on the Hupai border West of Hankow, biggest Yangtze inland river port, were already said to have taken five towns. In another sector two Nationalist divisions were decimated.

Preliminary reports showed the Communist forces thus far have captured more than 30,000 officers and men, killed and wounded more than 10,000 while 7,000 other Kuomintang troops were drowned in the Wei River the paper said.—Reuter, Associated and United Press.

The paper added that the sweeping victories at the outset of the campaign smashed all chances the Kuomintang might have of trying to make a comeback under the leadership of General Hu Tzu-ang or Ma Zung-kwei.

Vikings Prepare To "Invade" England



A Danish reconstruction of an old-time Viking ship is to sail shortly for England to re-enact the first Viking invasion of that country 1,500 years ago. The ship has been built in Frederikszund, North of Copenhagen, and will be manned by 32 stalwart oarsmen in complete Viking attire. Photo shows after the launching ceremony, Mr. Hogens Lichtenberg (in civilian clothes, right), president of the Danish Tourist Association, hands over the pagan banner of the Raven to the Viking chief. —AP Photo.

REVOLUTION IN GUATEMALA

Guatemala City, July 19.

Armoured troops were reported battling for control of the National Palace today as confusion and violence gripped Guatemala after the slaying of the nation's Army Chief of Staff.

An attack on the palace began last night after the Army leader, Colonel Francisco Javier Arana, was assassinated. War planes zoomed over the city. Armed civilians roamed the streets despite police curfew orders.

Early today Manuel Galich, a leader of the Revolutionary Action Party which supports President Juan Jose Arévalo's regime, broadcast that the Government had the situation "in control."

There were no casualty reports, but ambulances clanged through the streets all night, indicating some persons were killed or wounded.

Reports conflated, but it appeared that a coup was underway inside the barred doors of the palace itself.

A Government employee said National Defence Minister Jacobo Arbenz and his supporters were holding the palace against troops loyal to President Arévalo.

Arévalo was reported barricaded in his own residence while the battle that may decide his political future raged outside the palace.

Emergency Decreed

Both the President and the Congress decreed a state of emergency suspending all constitutional guarantees.

One rumour sweeping the city said the assassination of Arana was brought on by a split in the armed forces over the week-end. It said the split was caused when Arana supporters won the elections for members of the defence council late last week.

Colonel Arana was the strong man of a revolutionary Junta which ran the country after the resignation of dictator Jorge Ubico in July 1944, and the overthrow of Ubico's successor, General Federico Ponce.

(In Panama, well informed sources said Col. Arana had been expected to run for the Presidency next year and that a split in the Army had developed over the rivalry of Col. Arana and Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Arce over the candidacy.)—Associated Press.

Police Raid On Lama Island; Eleven Arrests

Eleven suspects were reported to have been detained by police for questioning yesterday morning after a police raid on Lama Island at about 4 a.m.

The raid which was reported to have been carried out by the water police, was aimed at suppressing illegal traders on that island.

All suspects were brought to Newington on police launches. The last night official confirmation on the raid was still lacking.

BRITAIN SAID ABLE TO PRODUCE ATOMIC BOMB

London, July 19.

Britain has reached a point in atomic research where she could produce the atom bomb if she decided to concentrate on the problem, informed sources said today.

As far as is known, however, Britain has not yet made such a momentous decision. Almost certainly she will not do so until no hope remains of getting the know-how from the United States.

HAIGH'S MENTAL CONDITION

Lewes, Sussex, July 19.

Dapper John George Haigh, 39-year-old company director said to have confessed to murdering nine people and drinking their blood, heard a psychiatrist analyse his extraordinary mental condition in the closing stages of his trial here today.

Lolling back comfortably in the dock, and occasionally smiling, he listened as Dr. Henry Yellowlees said that the accused had "gone beyond the point of a paranoid constitution into a form of insanity."

The mind specialist said that Haigh had no special interest in rights or wrongs or in the laws of his country or in his victims. He had said to the witness: "I am awaiting trial with complete equanimity. I am in the position of Jesus Christ before Pontius Pilate."

Haigh is charged with the "acid bath" murder of a 69-year-old widow.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, British Attorney General, leading for the Prosecution, declined to rebut the views. He declared that "there was nothing to rebut."—Reuter.

Israel-Syria Armistice

Haifa, July 19.

Israeli and Syrian representatives, who are meeting in a tent in "No Man's Land," over which their armies fought last year, will sign an armistice at an official ceremony on Wednesday.

The agreement, which was initiated after a seven-hour meeting on the border yesterday, is the outcome of three months of difficult negotiations.

It provides for a demilitarized zone between the Syrian and Israeli armies and for the Syrian troops to fall back to the former Palestine-Syrian international boundary running along the Jordan River. It was learned here.

This will free the Israeli settlement of Mishmar Hayarden, which was captured by the Syrians in the early stages of the Palestine conflict.

(A Reuter message from Lake Success said the Red Cross representatives from both sides were opening preliminary talks at Mishmar Hayarden today on an exchange of war prisoners, which is due to take place on Thursday.)—Reuter.

MORE DOCKERS JOIN STRIKE

London, July 19.

Another 100 men joined the three weeks old London dispute today raising the number of idle dockers to over 15,500 men.

Nearly seven thousand troops continue work on 67 ships out of 147 vessels now affected, and another 2,000 troops are expected.

The unofficial leaders of the men today challenged all concerned, including the Minister of Labour, Mr. Isaacs, and trade union officials, who oppose the strike, to put their views to a mass meeting on Friday.—Reuter.

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Discussion of British atomic research is not encouraged here at any time. This is particularly true at a moment when everyone wants to avoid anything that might be construed as involvement in the situation created by President Truman's secret conference last Thursday night.

Thus, there is considerable self-censorship of such items as the fact that the Belgian Congo mines, which produce the best uranium for atom bombs, are British owned and American contracts for the supply of this uranium expire this year.

They have three been any comment on despatches to British newspapers, notably the "Manchester Guardian," suggesting that Britain may have in present the United States with a delicate job of yielding some of their atomic secrets or face possible loss of this most precious source of uranium ores.

The "Manchester Guardian" said editorially today that Britain is trying to make atom bombs and that the decision to do so was taken a year or two ago because it was not certain that the United States would promptly enter a possible war between Russia and Britain.

Only Salvation

The paper said "atom" bombs would in such a case, probably have represented Britain's only salvation, while the United States shivered on the brink of a two previous occasions when Europe was in flames. Borrowing arms from non-belligerent America has not always been speedy business in the past, even old destroyers.

But the "Guardian" believed that the Atlantic Pact and the Western Union have altered the situation that existed when Britain decided to make its own bombs.

It pointed out that every atom bomb factory will be the primary objective for enemy land and airborne attacks, and asked whether the Western Union could afford to tie down the necessary protecting troops in the event of war.

On the other hand the United States has the Atlantic Ocean as its position, the "Guardian" said, and the plants in which bombs can be made in comparative safety.

It asked: "Have we enough confidence in our American allies to say to them, 'Ours is a small and vulnerable island which invites early invasion. To you we trust at least national sacrifice production and warlike use of the weapon upon which European freedom may one day depend'?"—United Press.

Bomb At Airport As Nehru Arrives

Lucknow, July 19.

A live bomb was discovered on a Lucknow Airport runway shortly after the arrival of the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, yesterday, the police authorities announced today.

Police experts who examined the bomb said that it was a "highly dangerous type."—Reuter.

Ships Flying British, U.S. Flags In S'hai

Canton, July 19.

Nationalist China today called the attention of the United States and Britain to alleged abuse of their national flags by vessels in the harbour of Communist-held Shanghai.

The Foreign Office did not exactly say so but it implied the large number of ships being used by other than U. S. or British ships for protection against Nationalist air attacks.

After the notice went to embassy representatives, Dr. Shih Chao-ying, Foreign Office spokesman, told a reporter that reports from Air Force observers indicate a large number of flying British or American flags.

"The Foreign Office has, for the protection of vessels which legitimately fly the flags of these countries, called their attention to alleged abuse of their flags," he said. "Asked if vessels hiding behind the foreign flags had been attacked, Dr. Shih replied, 'Not yet.'"

Australian Miners Back On The Job

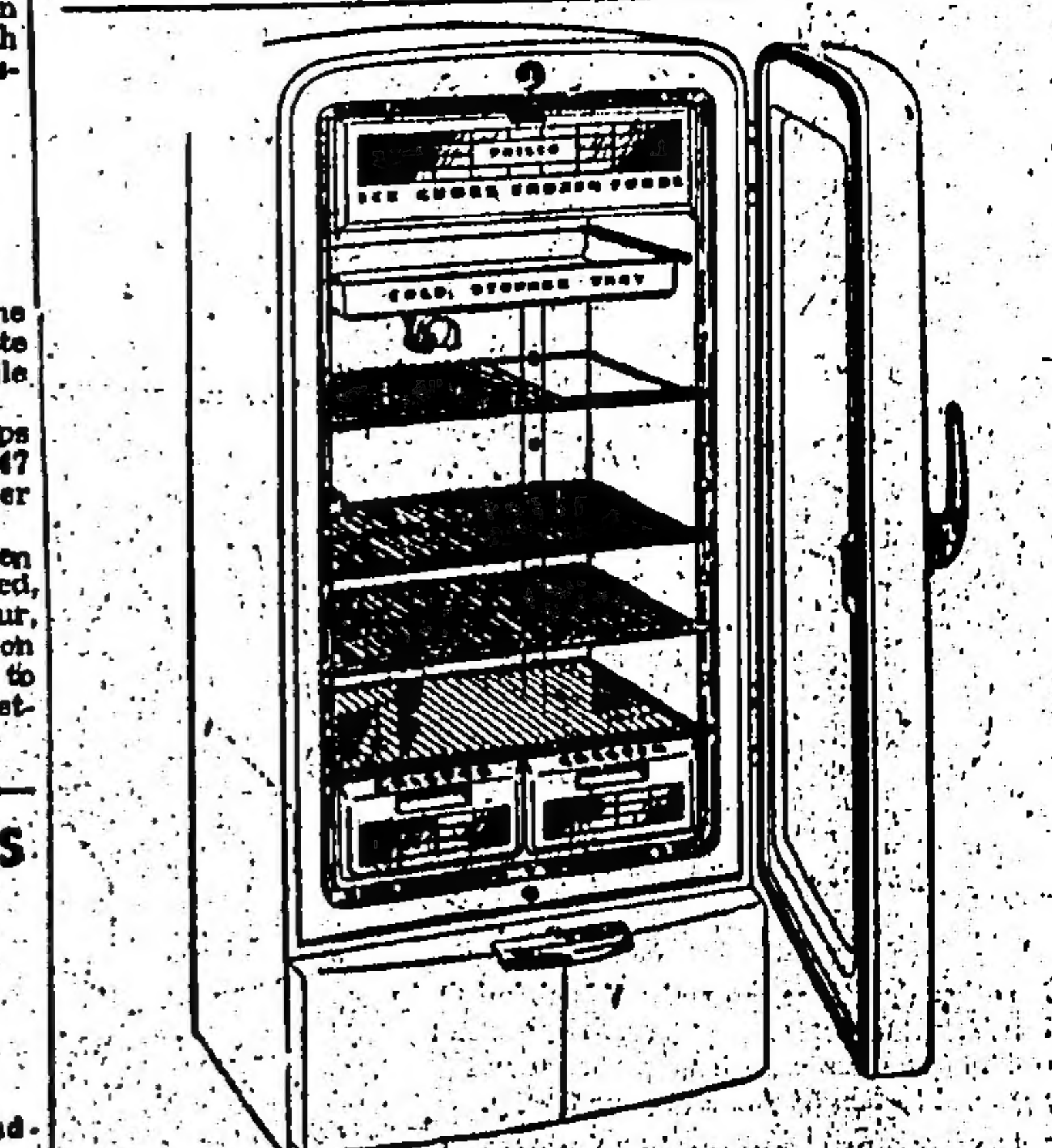
Sydney, July 19.

All miners in Western Australia and many in Queensland have now gone back to work after a strike lasting three weeks.

At several coal fields in New South Wales, meetings will be held tomorrow and on Thursday, but the President of the Northern New South Wales branch of the Miners' Federation, Mr. Crook, declared that these meetings "will certainly not mean the end of the strike."

Moderate candidates have won control of the Communist-dominated Australian Waterside Workers Federation in the elections for a Federal Council, Australian Labour Party members claimed today.

They said that 11 Moderates had been returned against 10 Communists and Communist supporters, reversing last year's position. The Moderates would be able to elect their own President, who would have a casting vote, they added.—Reuter.



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The Weather

At 0600 GMT (4 p.m. HKST) a ridge from the Pacific anticyclone covers SE China and the SE part of the China Sea. A broad trough has developed from S India-China to the Marianas. It is weak at present but there is evidence that it may intensify, and between the S Philip and Yap there is possibly a small tropical depression. The typhoon formerly over the sea of Japan has filled up. A depression is stationary over N Central China.

Today's Forecast—Light variable or S.W. wind, fair.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 84 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 70 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 5.4 hours.
Rainfall: 1.5 mm. (0.06 in.) Total since Jan. 1—1091.1 mm. (42.9 in.) as against an average of 1102.5 mm. (43.4 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m.:
Bar. at sea: 1014.7 mm.
Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph.
Temp: 84 deg. Fah.
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Wind Direction: S.W.
Wind Force: 10-15 mph.
Temp: 84 deg. Fah.
Humidity: 75%
Cloud: 4-5



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La Salle Requisitioning

Sir,—The correspondence on this subject appears to have taken a new turn. There seems to be a tendency on the part of the School Authorities for not having put up a stiff fight, and for having submitted with such apparent tameness to the requisitioning of their School.

Yesterday, the "China Mail" reported in an "operating" column, "The requisitioning of the School." This by no means represents my sentiments. If the word "regretfully" or "sorrowfully" had been used instead of "wholeheartedly," it would have been a more realistic statement. I realize that a grave responsibility I have for the welfare of the pupils of La Salle, and I cannot wholeheartedly, much less light-heartedly, consent to seeing them deprived of even the smallest of the advantages which they have enjoyed. I have repeatedly pointed this out to the Officials concerned, but was always met by the assurance that as La Salle was the only building that suited their purposes, there was no alternative but to requisition it. Naturally, I have had to take their word for it. I am not in a position to make an independent investigation into the truth of what they say.

The requisitioning has been forced on us. We were not asked for our opinion, nor for our consent. When I was called to a meeting in the Colonial Secretary's Office, it was not to discuss the requisitioning, it was to tell me the decision, to requisition La Salle, had already been made, and that the Government could not go back on it. I had simply to bow to the inevitable. The discussion that followed was merely concerned with the plans for the future working of the School.

Whether these plans which worked out will provide a satisfactory substitute for what we have now, I cannot say; but I am doing everything I possibly can to ensure that we get the best possible accommodation, and that my pupils will suffer educationally by the transfer to another site and to different buildings. Government has declared itself ready and willing to provide us with what they consider an acceptable substitute for the present La Salle; we shall wait and see to what extent they carry out their undertaking.

BROTHER PATRICK,
La Salle College,
Kowloon.

Requisitioning

Sir,—It's about time Sir M. K. Lo, Chinese representative (sic), abandoned his pro-vested interests in the Legislative Council and uses his position and energy for the benefit of the average citizen of the Colony.

Tomorrow he will ask questions in the Legislative Council regarding the requisitioning of private property for the Army.

He claims that because of the current requisitioning policy, certain projected building schemes have been abandoned and that new building has virtually ceased.

Will he name a few projects which have been abandoned. Such projects, if any, must be few indeed, and not likely to adversely affect building generally if they are abandoned.

Sir M. K. Lo wants an assurance from Government that the requisitioning of new buildings for the Army will stop. Such an assurance should not be given. I can see only one reason for stopping such an assurance on behalf of the vested interests.

Government requisitioning of new buildings deprives the owners of that privilege of forcing would-be tenants to pay "construction fees." The Army authorities obviously will not pay "construction fees," only the monthly rentals.

In collection of "construction fees" owners are able to get back nearly 50 per cent of their investments. Now, if Sir M. K. Lo had the interests of the general public at heart, he would question Government on the subject of "construction fees" and high rentals that one has to pay to get into a decent flat.

He would also agitate for a law to prohibit the demand and payment of "construction fees" and bring new buildings within the scope of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Of current interest is the proposed commandeering of La Salle College for the Army. Why does not Sir M. K. Lo bring this up in the Legislative Council and seek assurance that all schools that are exempt from requisitioning for three years have been living in "underground" and the exorbitant "construction fees" deprive me and by family of proper housing accommodation.

There are countless others in similar plight. Such a situation would not be existing today if people like Sir M. K. Lo really had the interests of the general public at heart.

NICHOLAS.

A Solution

Sir,—Near the La Salle College there is a new building almost completed. I understand that it is owned by a leading bank in Hong Kong.

The Army wants accommodation for a 600-bed hospital. The Government spokesman said the other day that the King George V School can accommodate only 220 beds.

Now, why not turn the King George V School into a hospital for serious cases and use that new building near La Salle College for minor cases?

Students of the King George V School can be accommodated at the Government flats at King's Park. That will solve the problem.

YHII

Old Boy's Protest

Sir,—It is with greater dismay that I read in this morning's "China Mail" of the acceptance by the Director of La Salle College of the Government's decision in requisitioning the school. And, in requisitioning the school, I learn of the Director's assent to all that he is told by the Authorities!

To be sure it is all for a good cause. Rev. Bro. Patrick, we are one and all for a good cause, but it is not just as good a cause, if even a better one, to consider the seriousness and sacredness of the education of little minds and better citizens of tomorrow? Apart from present considerations, have you, Bro. Patrick, considered the same group of little minds in the College who have had their studies thwarted in recent times of adversity, now still backward but nevertheless striving to attain a place of normalcy in their sphere of education?

Apart from all that, have you considered from the view point of elementary psychology how learning will be disrupted and distracted under such a state of mind and discomfort? As much as I am for the College at the moment, I am just as much in sympathy with the Military Authorities at the same time. They have a big problem to tackle, but in the case of under-reliance I do think, along with the majority, La Salle College and/or any school for that matter should not be touched. With that in mind I had joined in the general hue and cry against this decision by the Authorities, not just that, but also to support by any official step that may be taken to present a petition, protest or any action on the side of La Salle College.

Having a very elastic imagination, I can almost see the smug in the faces of many who may have liked to say something against our efforts on behalf of the College, but thought it the wiser policy to have kept their mouths shut. Now they can talk their heads out and I shall be left wondering whether to say that they have been lucky—or was it luck? Perhaps, after all, it could have been a package of luck wrapped up in red tape.

LASOBA, ENG.

The Volunteers

Sir,—It is indeed a "strange coincidence" (as the papers put it) that a handful of ex-POWs are among the members of the Middlesex Battalion which recently arrived in the Colony. But it is even stranger that when mention was made that this battalion in question together with Indian, Canadian and Royal Scot units "held Hong Kong for 17 days and nights against more numerous Japanese"—not the slightest reference was made to the Hong Kong Volunteers.

As a member of the old HKVDC and a veteran of the Battle of Hong Kong, I wish to bring to light the fact that the Volunteers played an equal—if not more active—part in the defence of the Colony. Consisting for the most part of inexperienced and comparatively undertrained citizens, they were made to bear the brunt of the assault of Japanese veterans of the China campaigns.

I submit that things like your article (which, I presume, was contributed by the Military) make the bodies of their citizen-soldiers turn over in their graves if they could hear of it.

And this certainly is no incentive to the loyal citizen of Hong Kong who at present decides whether or not to join the newly-organized Defence Force.

CITIZEN JOE.

Serviceman Wanted

Sir,—I would be glad if you would publish this letter with a view to tracing a Serviceman named John Turner, a relative by marriage, recently arrived in the colony.

We have hardly any details so far, but learn that he left the U.K. early in June, aged about 18, family at Crouch End, London. He is a member of a Cole's family, in which my wife also belongs. He is or was any one knowing him would let me know his present whereabouts, a message to the above address without delay would be welcome in view of early departure back to China.

With a view to connecting Servicemen with residents, I suggest the collating and publishing at intervals of names of Servicemen under cities or districts if at all possible. People from the same area often like to meet.

A. E. CHARMAN (Rev.),
Church Guest House,
Upper Albert Road.

Malice Also

Sir,—There are certain unhappy people whose vice induces them to filth in private places. It is noticeable, however, that malice is rarely added to their depravity. Vice alone contents them.

Before "M.M." and "Hon. for Honest" disappear for the purpose of other pseudonyms I should like to assure them that they take my contempt with them. I have nothing else to say to them.

CHARLES LOSEBY.

Notes From Macao

Macao, July 19.

The Portuguese correspondent for "Diario de Noticias," of Lisbon, after a two-week stay here, left yesterday for Hong Kong, where he will resume his world-tour.

Mr. Armando de Aguiar has written a story about Macao, which will be published soon. He will leave Hong Kong for Manila, on July 20.

Mrs. Elsa Ritchie Souza, a refugee from Shanghai and wife of Mr. A. J. Souza, who is at present in Shanghai, gave birth to a 9½-pound baby boy at the Government Hospital last week.

A social party was held at the Bell Vista Hotel, to mark the inauguration of the Macao-Canton air service operated by CNAC.

For the time being, the CNAC Catalina flying boat will operate between the two cities six days a week. Monday, Sunday and Tuesday daily service between Macao and Canton will be established later.—Our Own Correspondent.

REQUISITIONING

With regard to yesterday's editorial in the "China Mail" on relations between the military and the civil population, the Army authorities wish to make their position clear concerning requisitioning, particularly La Salle College.

The procedure is that the Service approaches government with a request for a certain type of building, mentioning size, amenities and other requirements. In due course they are offered perhaps five or six edifices, and it is then up to the Army to inspect these and make their choice.

This happened in the case of La Salle. Military experts found that this was the only suitable premises of several that were suggested, and reflected that they were to take over a school, they considered they had no alternative.

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sings, Miss A.L. Gane, Miss S. Franklin and Miss P. Loeby left the Colony yesterday for Amoy and Japan by the ss. Pakhol.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. D.A. Lee, Mrs. N.L. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bonedillo, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Mook-sung, Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Buol, Mrs. C. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Odell, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Asher, Messrs. A. Balanquit, F. Canlas, A.A. Rivera, M. Echnard, W.D. Tucker and Wee Han-thuan.

Among the new arrivals on Monday at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. R.J. McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Day, Mrs. L.E. Brown, Messrs. H. Davis, S.S. Sung, W.L. Bush, R.T.M. Yung, B.H. Rogers, E.P. Davies, B. Wanmaker, W.S. Liao, S. Wang and A. Dahroughe.

Messrs. B.P. Dean, Chin Ming, and the Reverend Frs. R.J. Kissen and Milne Edward left for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Among the passengers who left by CFA for Manila yesterday were Antonio Belnquill, Abelardo R. Rivero, Francisco Canlas, E. Lickley, N.L. Phillips.

Passengers who arrived here from Singapore and Bangkok yesterday by CFA included Lim Cher-meng, Lim L.S. Hwang, Lei C.L. Chen, I.D. Robinson, Sundar Singh, F. Canlas, A. Balanquit, A.A. Rivera and S.R. Nissim.

Among those who left by CFA yesterday for Bangkok and Nartapore were Overton, Norton, Vithu Kichodun, Valli Kichodun, E. Berry, Yoon Phong Jean and Wee Han Thuan.

Floods In Wuchow Receding

Canton, July 19.

The flood situation in the West River port of Wuchow, 120 miles West of Canton, has eased considerably in the past few days, according to a report received by a foreign business firm in Canton today.

Giving eye-witness details of the floods, the report said that the waters reached their peak on July 5 when the customs water mark registered 75 feet 4 inches—the highest level since 1915.

Thousands of Chinese were rendered homeless as their poorly-built houses were swept away by the rising waters. Many of them were accommodated in Wuchow's public school compound and other buildings, where temporary relief measures were carried out by the local authorities in conjunction with charitable organizations. Rice was distributed to many starving refugees.

For several weeks past, Wuchow has been a "Venice of the East." The downtown district and three residential areas have been flooded and all movement has been by sampans, with sampans coolies carrying exorbitant fares. They loaded and unloaded their passengers through the first floor windows of houses.

Extensive material damage was reported in urban and rural areas in the vicinity of Wuchow. Disruption of river traffic and the prices of commodities soaring to unreasonably levels. Mail services in and out of Wuchow were suspended and have only recently been resumed.

Nanning and other Kwangsi cities further West were comparatively free from flood damage.

U.S. Relief

Three hundred U.S. Protestant missionaries and clergymen voted last night to ask President Truman and the American Red Cross to send immediate relief to flood victims in China without regard to their political beliefs and affiliations, reports United Press.

Speakers at the missionary conference in Silver Bay, N.Y., said such a move would be one of the finest gestures of Christian charity and goodwill that could be made in the Far Eastern conflict.—Reuter and United Press.

POSTAGE RATES FOR GIFT PARCELS

A slight reduction in postage rates on gift parcels from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom will be introduced on August 1st. It was officially announced yesterday.

The new rates will be HK\$2.95 (present rate HK\$3.20) for parcels up to three pounds; HK\$3.80 (present rate HK\$4.14) for parcels more than three pounds and up to seven pounds; HK\$4.50 (present rate HK\$4.80) for parcels more than seven pounds and up to 11 pounds; and HK\$5.50 (present rate HK\$6.10) for parcels more than 11 pounds and up to 22 pounds.

Gift parcels will only contain foodstuffs, toiletries, clothing, books, stationery, and other similar articles. They must be clearly marked "Gift Parcel."

Taxi-Drivers Tied To Tree As Robbers Used Vehicles For Hold-Ups

An account of how two taxi-drivers were—in the space of about three weeks—robbed of their taxis by robbers to use them for their getaway after committing robberies was related before Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. According to the prosecution, in each case the driver was engaged in Wanchai by two men in the evening and instructed to go to Shek-O via Shaukiwan, and there deprived of his taxi at gun-point and tied to a tree. Each was done in the very same way as the other.

Accused in the dock are Wong Pui, alias Lo Shing, and Chau King-san. Both are standing trial before a jury of four men and three women on charges of robbery, possession of arms and ammunition, conspiracy to rob, and a fourth count of possession of arms.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-inspector J.R. Sykes, is conducting the case for the prosecution. Both accused are not legally represented.

It is alleged that both men on March 25, took part in an armed robbery at a goldsmith's at Johnston Road, where they took 60 gold bangles, 10 gold finger rings, and 12 pairs of gold earrings.

On April 30, they were alleged to have conspired together with others not in custody to rob the Chung Hing Watch Shop of 273 Des Voeux Road Central, and having in their possession some arms for the purpose.

Mr. Hooton stated that the charges in the indictment could be split into two sets. The first could be placed at March 25, and the second at April 30.

Crown Counsel went on to say that on March 25 at about 7.10 p.m., a driver of the Shanghai Taxi Company was engaged by two men at Wanchai. He was told to drive down to Shek-O.

The driver with the two men in his taxi proceeded past Shaukiwan in the direction of Shek-O. Near the junction of the road leading to Johnston Road, the driver felt pistol being jabbed into his back.

Tied To Tree

He was then told to stop the car and get out. All three men alighted from the car, and were met by a man who was apparently awaiting them. The taxi-driver was then ordered to walk off the road onto a small pathway, where he was tied with ropes to a young tree. The three men then made off with the taxi.

About 8.10 the same evening, Mr. Hooton continued, a goldsmith's shop at Johnston Road, Wanchai, was entered by three armed men, who held up the occupants of the place and proceeded to ransack the counter of its jewels.

An assistant of the shop had the presence of mind to blow a police whistle, which made the robbers hurriedly gather their loot and bolt, but not before one of them had fired a shot at the assistant, who was wounded in the leg.

The marauders were then seen to get into a taxi and drive off. The case for the prosecution, said Mr. Hooton, is that the taxi which was used was the same as that taken from the taxi-driver earlier that evening.

Much later that evening, the taxi in question was found abandoned off the main road near Taitam Reservoir. In the taxi was no longer the jewellery from the goldsmith's shop, but only the jewellery tray itself.

The driver eventually managed to get away from his bonds and report the matter to the Shaukiwan Police Station.

Going on with the second set of charges, Mr. Hooton told the jury that on April 20, similar events started to happen. At 8 p.m. another taxi was going along Hennessy Road, when it was stopped by two men, who were told to get into the taxi and drive to Shek-O.

There the same thing that had befallen the driver of the first occasion occurred again. The driver of this taxi found himself in time tied to a tree, the same one to which the first taxi driver had been tied.

This driver managed to break his bonds in a short time, and make his way to the Shaukiwan police station. Meanwhile, the men in the stolen taxi—one of whom was wearing a yellow raincoat—sped away from the scene of the incident.

Police Road Block

The car however came upon a police road block when it was nearing Stanley. On being called to halt, the robbers ignored it and continued on. The policemen however caught a fleeting glimpse of a man in the car with a yellow raincoat.

Not long afterwards, Crown Counsel went on to say, the taxi in question was found abandoned at Stanley Village Road.

At 10.20 that same evening, a taxi driver had been delivering a fare from town at the Republic Hotel, when he was stopped by a man who threatened him to drive to Shaukiwan.

NEW PI CONSUL FOR HONG KONG

Manila, July 19. The new Philippine Consul for Hong Kong, Mr. J. V. Rodriguez, is leaving for the Colony before the end of this month, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The present Consul in Hong Kong, Mr. Tiburcio Baja, will be reassigned to Amoy. The Consul for Amoy, Mr. Vicente Singlan, is now on sick leave.

Mr. Rodriguez, up to his designation as Consul, was a member of the House of Representatives. He is a doctor of medicine. —United Press.

LANDSLIDE IN JAPAN

Tokyo, July 19. Twenty persons were buried alive in a landslide caused by the week-end typhoon at Kyushu, it was reported today.

Rescue teams rescued 11 victims who were still alive. Three bodies were recovered.—United Press.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Department of Labour for the week ended July 15 follow:

Rice and flour, 7½ cwt.	\$1,540
Vegetables, 1½ cwt.	1,577
Salt, 0.2 cwt.	2,620
Oil, 0.7 cwt.	1,540
Tee, 0.2 cwt.	980
Salt fish, 0.8 cwt.	980
Milk, 0.4 cwt.	1,420
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Legislation
On Oriental
Exclusion Act

Washington July 18.

The Senate Judiciary sub-Committee on proposed legislation designed to write off the statute books the Oriental exclusion act of 1924. If Congress passes the bill, which is sponsored by Republican Representative Walter Judd, it would restore quota privileges to Asiatic and Pacific people still barred from entry. The so-called "barred zone" of the Asia-Pacific triangle included the area lying entirely within the boundaries of 60 degrees East and 165 West Longitude and 25 South Latitude to the North Pole. Australia and Russia were exempted because they did not lie wholly within the boundaries. Persia was also excluded and Middle Eastern countries were not affected.

A resolution by Democrat Senator Francis Walter would extend to the peoples of that zone and all other peoples still barred the naturalization privileges given to the peoples of India and the Philippines in 1946. China in 1943 and American Indians and others "indigenous to North and South America" in 1940.

About 96 per cent of persons on the mainland or in Hawaii potentially affected are Japanese, but others included would be from Thailand, Bhutan, Nepal, Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, New Guinea, Korea, Pakistan, the former Japanese mandated Pacific Islands and Nauru and Samoa. Chinese groups are seeking amendment of the Judd bill which would permit wives and unmarried children to enter quota free.—United Press.

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The Club Lusitano and the Portuguese Institute of Hong Kong have the pleasure of inviting all the members of the Portuguese Community of Hong Kong to attend a lecture by Mr. Armando de Aguiar which will take place at the Club Lusitano on Thursday, July 21, at 6 p.m., on the subject of his voyage round the world.

Mr. Aguiar is writing a book about the World treaded by the Portuguese.

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Chiang Seen
Fighting
To Finish

Manila, July 19.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's recent visit to the Philippines left the impression here that he is determined to fight to the finish in China. There was some quick speculation that he might be preparing to transfer the Chinese Nationalist government to the Philippines, if necessary, but such conjecture found no support in diplomatic circles.

Chinese, Filipino and American diplomatic circles agreed that Chiang has no intention of leaving China, even though the Philippines President Mr. Elpidio Quirino, said frankly that "any responsible government cannot refuse asylum to any other government."

Mr. Quirino also asserted that there was no possibility of the Nationalist government transferring its headquarters to this country, adding that "the Generalissimo is too proud a man and has too strong a character to do that."

However, if Communist pressure increases in China, it is believed that some present or former Kuomintang leaders will seek refuge in the Philippines. A Foreign Office source said there already had been inquiries from some about entering this country.

Morale Booster

Chiang's two-day trip to the Philippines from his stronghold on Formosa seems to have had little point other than to strengthen morale to fight Communism in Asia.

The Nationalist chief succeeded, by his talks with President Quirino on the Pacific Union against Communism, in focussing world attention on China's battle for survival. He hoped, perhaps with the United States mainly in mind, to win sympathy and support for his harassed government.

Observers of Far East politics believe that both Chiang and Quirino consider their projected Pacific Union as a means of getting the United States interested in a campaign to contain Communism. Philippine government officials admit that the alliance has little chance of succeeding unless given American support. An American government representative said that his first reaction to the Quirino-Chiang plan was: "What can these countries accomplish together that they can't accomplish individually."

The Philippine government has been proceeding vigorously with its announced plan of trying to interest all Far East and Pacific countries in the proposed anti-Red union, which President Quirino describes as "nothing more than moral rearmament to defend ourselves against the menace of Communism."

The success of the Chinese-Filipino alliance so far appears to be that it gave anti-Communist forces in Asia a good stimulant.—United Press.

Jap Union
Executives
Dismissed

Tokyo, July 18.

Fourteen leftist union executives of the Government Railway Workers Union refused to accept the discharge notices given them today by the management and said they would "fight to the last" to keep their jobs.

The union executives, including 11 Communists led by Ichizo Shouki, charged the management with violating the labour standard laws by sacking them because of their union activities and also exploiting the recent incidents to gain public support in their dismissal action.

The management sent the dismissal notices to the 14 union executives through the mail when the latter refused to accept them.

The management countered with the statement that the union executives were discharged not because of their union activities but because of their refusal to co-operate with the management. In this connection the management charged them with "obstructionist tactics in the conduct of the railway system."—United Press.

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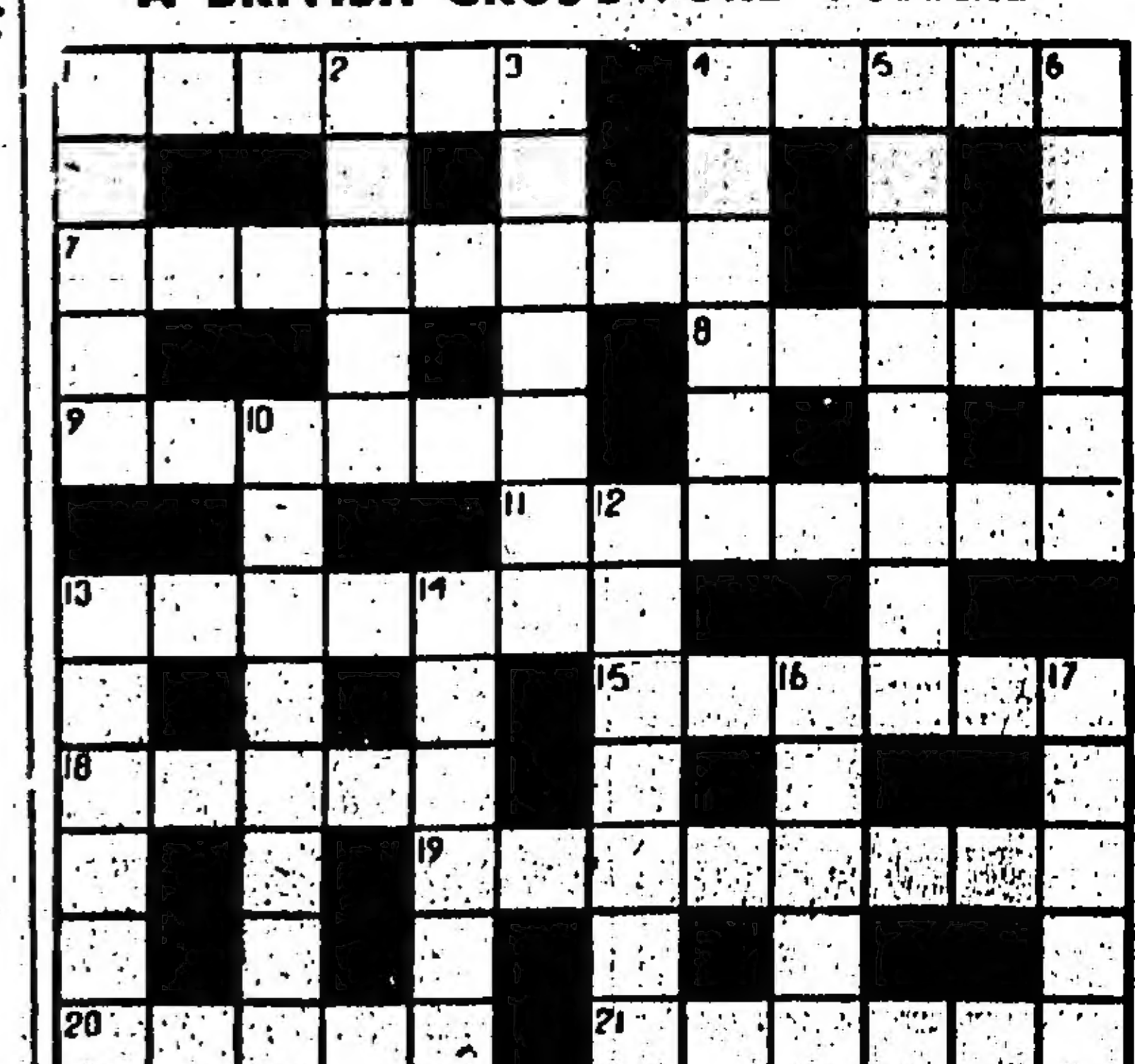
S Q 10 8
H J 8 6
D A 10 4
C K 10 9 3
S K 7 6 4 3
H K 5 4
D 5 2
C 4 2
S A J
H A 10 9 7 3 2
D K 9 3
C A 8
(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 H Pass 3 H Pass
4 C Pass 4 D Pass
6 H
With a partner so bad that his wrong leads caused the admission to "always lead a spade, then you are sure to be right a fourth of the time"—the late P. Hal Sims gave a typical example of his dominating influence on this deal. He had also told that partner not to bid No Trump since his play was so botchy he should let Sims play all the No Trump contracts. So notice the sublime confidence of his partner in that terrifically overbid 3 Hearts with about a mere aver-

age hand and only three trumps, plus his showing of the diamond A in response to the club cue-bid slam invitation. In a contract which should have gone down two, losing a trick each in hearts, spades and diamonds, the mighty Sims pulled it through, partly because his precise scoring West into the unorthodox lead of the spade 4 away from his guarded king. Sims took that with the J, then built a squeeze. He scored the club K, led the heart 8, the singleton Q falling to the A, raked in the spade A, led the heart 10, West holding up and the J winning, then gave a trump trick to the heart K. The club 2 was covered by the 9, J and A, heart 9, 7 and 3 run. As the last was led, the dummy held three diamonds and the club 10, with three diamonds in the South. East, who had been counted for the minor honours because West showed those in the majors, had three diamonds and the club Q. A diamond was thrown from dummy. East had to guard the dummy's club with his Q so threw off a diamond. The diamond A, K and P then completed the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q 3
H 4 3
D K Q 9 8
C A J 10 8 6
S 8 0
H K Q J 7 2
D A 7 6 2
C Q 9
S A K J 9 5 4
H A 9 6
D 8 3
C 7 4
(Dealer: West, North-South vulnerable.)
What bidding would you prescribe on this deal after West opens with 1-Heart?

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Across
1 List of charges.
4 Retinue.
7 Height.
8 Leap.
9 Delighted.
11 Gam.
13 Earnest.
15 Straight-forward.
18 Distribute.
19 Throw into the shade.
20 Check accounts.
21 Deceive.
Down
1 Vestige.
2 Fool.
3 Sink.
4 Threefold.
6 Required.
10 Cancelled.
12 Interfered.
13 Verse.
14 Drive back.
17 Saviour.
Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1 Chic, 4 Ransack, 8 Load, 9 True, 10 Pimpous, 11 Vain, 12 Dene, 14 Dilated, 17 Inert, 19 Value, 22 Lottery, 23 Sexp, 27 Alms, 28 Condense, 29
Down: 2 Harden, 3 Clover, 4 Rapid, 5 Adonis, 6 Seals, 7 Cruise, 12 Dial, 13 Neat, 15 Tale, 16 Deep, 18 Trance, 20 Ascent, 21 Series, 23 Ozone, 24 Tutor, 25 Vial.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S BLAST AGAINST REDS

ANOTHER ILLUSION GONE

New York, July 18. "The Times" in an editorial today said the Chinese Communists are beginning to put on the pressure in Shanghai and elsewhere, feel the need to get out.

"It adds: 'That is, another illusion is being shattered. Obviously there will be no business as usual. Business in China has always been on our terms. From now on we will be obliged to comply with Communist terms, or else.'

"It can be agreed that our terms of dealing with China were not always generous but our overall relationship with the Chinese has always been friendly and fruitful.

"We stand for certain concepts of government and behaviour in the Far East. We tried honestly to align ourselves with progress toward larger freedoms and higher achievements.

"We tried from time to time really to 'help' China in the best sense of the word.

"At the moment we are standing aside and seeing some of our joint accomplishments lost.

"What the Communists in Shanghai have taken away from us is our moral initiative and we have not made it plain how we propose to regain it."—United Press.

REDS ADMIT HUGE LOSSES

Shanghai, July 18. The Chinese Communists, who rarely discuss their war losses, said today that the Red Army lost 1,432,000 men during the past three years of fighting.

The Communist "New China News Agency" put the losses at 243,000 killed, 899,700 wounded, 10,400 captured and 188,000 missing. The Agency, quoting an official announcement, put the losses during the third year of the "War of Liberation" at 8,200 killed, 397,100 wounded, 2,600 captured and 129,400 missing.

The announcement followed by a few days the Communist claims that the Nationalist forces lost 5,691,000 soldiers in the same period.—United Press.

RUHR AUTHORITY MEETING

Düsseldorf, July 18. The new international authority for the Ruhr met today for the first time in its Düsseldorf headquarters and considered the annual budget.

The authority, with Louis Davis as Secretary, was set up by the Western powers to direct the Ruhr's peacetime production. Representatives of America, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands attended the meeting.—Associated Press.

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Washington, July 18. The State Department today charged the Chinese Communists with ordering the closure of the United States Information Service in Shanghai and Hankow because the Reds realise that public enlightenment is their greatest enemy.

The State Department announced that it will protest against the suspension order to the Communists in the cities involved and also in Peiping and Nanking.

George Allen, assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, said in a statement: "The Communist suspension order is a new and dramatic proof that the Communist dictatorship, like all other dictatorships, will block out the free flow of information immediately upon seizing power.

"Dictatorship and censorship go hand in hand. Totalitarian regimes can exist only by holding their subjects in ignorance and by warping their minds with a strictly controlled and one-sided picture.

Mr. Allen asserted that the Communist action was taken because the Chinese Reds fear that the people of China would learn that the United States sincerely seeks peace.

Mr. Allen said: "Thus it is that the United States Information Service in Shanghai and Hankow, dedicated to telling the United States facts about the Chinese people, our aims and aspirations for world peace, is being suspended by the Communist captors who realise that public enlightenment is their greatest enemy."

Matter Of Tactics

The State Department Press Officer, Michael McDermott, announced that the Department has been officially informed of the previously reported Red orders.

He said: "The services are being suspended under protest. There will be protests made to local authorities and also to Communist officials in Peiping and Nanking."

Until now, the Department has dealt softly with the victorious Communists pending a decision on such issues as diplomatic recognition for any new national regime which may be set up and further aid to the Nationalists.

The sudden shift is described by diplomatic authorities as a matter of tactics without direct bearing on policy issues.

The offices of the two United States Information Services were ordered closed down completely last Friday. This brought to an abrupt end their activity in distributing American news bulletins, photographs and other materials.

U.S. Ambassador's Return

Mr. McDermott said the State Department at this time has no comment to make on reports that the trip to the United States by the Ambassador, Leighton Stuart, and the Shanghai Consul-General, John Cabot, is being held up by the Communist insistence that American officials get Chinese merchants to guarantee any financial obligations they might leave behind in China.

Mr. McDermott said: "The Department has no official information on this report and we take it this is purely a local affair."

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

Copenhagen, July 18. The sentence of death passed by a Danish War Crimes court on Dr. Werner Best, Nazi representative in Denmark during the war, was commuted by the Court of Appeal here today to five years' imprisonment. The court also commuted the death sentence on Otto Dovenslepen, German chief of the security police, to life imprisonment.

The eight years' sentence on General van Hanneken, commander of the German occupation forces, was quashed. All three were originally sentenced last September 20.—Reuter.

Abortive Landing Near Shanghai

Shanghai, July 18. Chinese Nationalist forces which landed on three points along Hangchow Bay, 100 miles South of Communist-held Shanghai on July 9, were driven off with heavy losses, the Chinese language paper "Wen Wei Pao" reported today.

It said that all the landings were launched from the Chusan islands, off the Chekiang coast, and were supported by warships.

At each point the Nationalists were driven back into the sea before they could secure a foothold, the newspaper added.—Reuter.

ATOM DEFENCE IS POSSIBLE

New York, July 18. Admiral William Blandy, chief of the joint United States Task Force on the "Bikini" atom bomb experiments, said today that defence against the atom bomb is possible.

"The atom bomb is an immensely potent weapon of destruction, but it is not the absolute weapon of decision," he declared.

Admiral Blandy, now commander of the United States Atlantic Fleet, was speaking at an international convention in New York. He declared that the atom bomb will not destroy civilization, and stressed the need for civil defence to combat the psychological fear of war.—Reuter.

MISS CHURCHILL IN U.S.

Newport, Rhode Island, July 18. Miss Sarah Churchill, 11-year-old daughter of Britain's wartime Prime Minister, said today that she would like to act on the American stage but thus far has had only one or two tentative offers.

Miss Churchill is playing the lead in the summer circuit version of "The Philadelphia Story"—United Press.

Hitler Amused By Spicy Magazines

Paris, July 18. Otto Abetz, wartime Nazi Ambassador to France, collected spicy Paris magazines to amuse Hitler, the Military Court trying him for war crimes was told today.

Eugene Feigl, former Legation Counselor in the German Diplomatic Service in Paris, said that Abetz took copies of "La Vie Parisienne" and "Rire" when he went to see Hitler at General Headquarters.

"When he came back from seeing the Fuehrer, he would say that he had got on well because Hitler had been amused by the magazines."

Abetz, a 46-year-old former art teacher, said in reply that Hitler frequently decorated young naval officers, some of whom complained that they had no "pin-up girls" to decorate their cabins and no reading matter to relieve the boredom of long patrols.

Hitler gave orders to start a service in replying matter for the troops.

Another witness said that Abetz, appearing for the fifth day on charges of complicity in murder, mass deportations, torture and looting, was the main organizer of the "Nazififth column in 1938.

Albert Henneaux, Chairman of the French Commission for Recovery of Art Treasures, said that pictures and other work of art in French national collections had been removed to safety when the war began.

Means were found to warn the Allies not to bomb the place: where the treasures were hidden he added. They were, in fact, never bombed.—Reuter.

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COMMUNISTS SEE AMERICAN PLOT IN CHIANG PLAN

Shanghai, July 18. Sixling attacks against the proposed Pacific pact were made today by the official Communist New China News Agency and the leading vernacular, "Ta Kung Pao."

They charged that it is another plot inspired by the United States which will be speedily smashed by the people of China and other Far Eastern countries.

The Agency condemned the suggested alliance as a new plot instigated single-handedly by American imperialism.

It said the United States sees clearly that the Kuomintang remnants are going to be routed in China and "billions of dollars it gambled are going to be lost."

In desperation, the agency said, the United States indirectly sponsored the proposed Pacific alliance through Chiang Kai-shek and Elpidio Quirino.

It does not "only oppose the people of China but also the people of the Philippines, Korea, Japan and other Far Eastern countries, the Communist agency added.

The "Ta Kung Pao," in an editorial, also accused the Americans of having imperialistic ambitions to Taiwan.

"Two Puppets"

It belittled Chiang Kai-shek and Quirino as two small puppets having no real political or economic resources.

The paper said the United States does not dare to come into the open to sponsor the alliance because the Atlantic pact and its arms for Europe programme have not been approved in the Congress so it tries to work through satellites at the United Nations for the formation of a Pacific alliance.

"Ta Kung Pao" stressed the contention that the United States is hoping to return Taiwan to Japan.—United Press.

San Francisco, July 18. Formation of the "Sino-Soviet Friendship Association," with Madame Sun Yat-sen as chairman, was announced today by the Chinese Communist radio.

It said the first act of the Association was to send messages to Premier Josef Stalin of Russia and chairman Mao Tse-tung of the Chinese Communist Party.

The Associated Press in San Francisco heard the broadcast from Peiping.

The message to Premier Stalin thanked him for "the great sympathy and assistance rendered to the Chinese national liberation movement by the Soviet Union."

The message to Mao praised his statement that the Chinese Communists must "ally with the Soviet Union, the new Democratic countries, and the proletariat and masses of the people in other countries to form an international united front."

The broadcast is the latest of several recent Chinese radio expressions of solidarity with Russia. It also places firmly in the Red camp Madame Sun, influential widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic.—Associated Press.

EX-KING PETER IN VENICE

Venice, July 18. Former King Peter of Yugoslavia arrived here on Sunday with his wife.

They are staying at the villa of Prince Aspasia of Greece.—United Press.

COMPOSER DEAD

Prague, July 18. The outstanding Czech composer, Vitezslav Novak, aged 78, died suddenly today after a heart attack at his summer residence at Skutec, Elster, Bohemia.

Novak was well known for his "Slovak Suite"—United Press.

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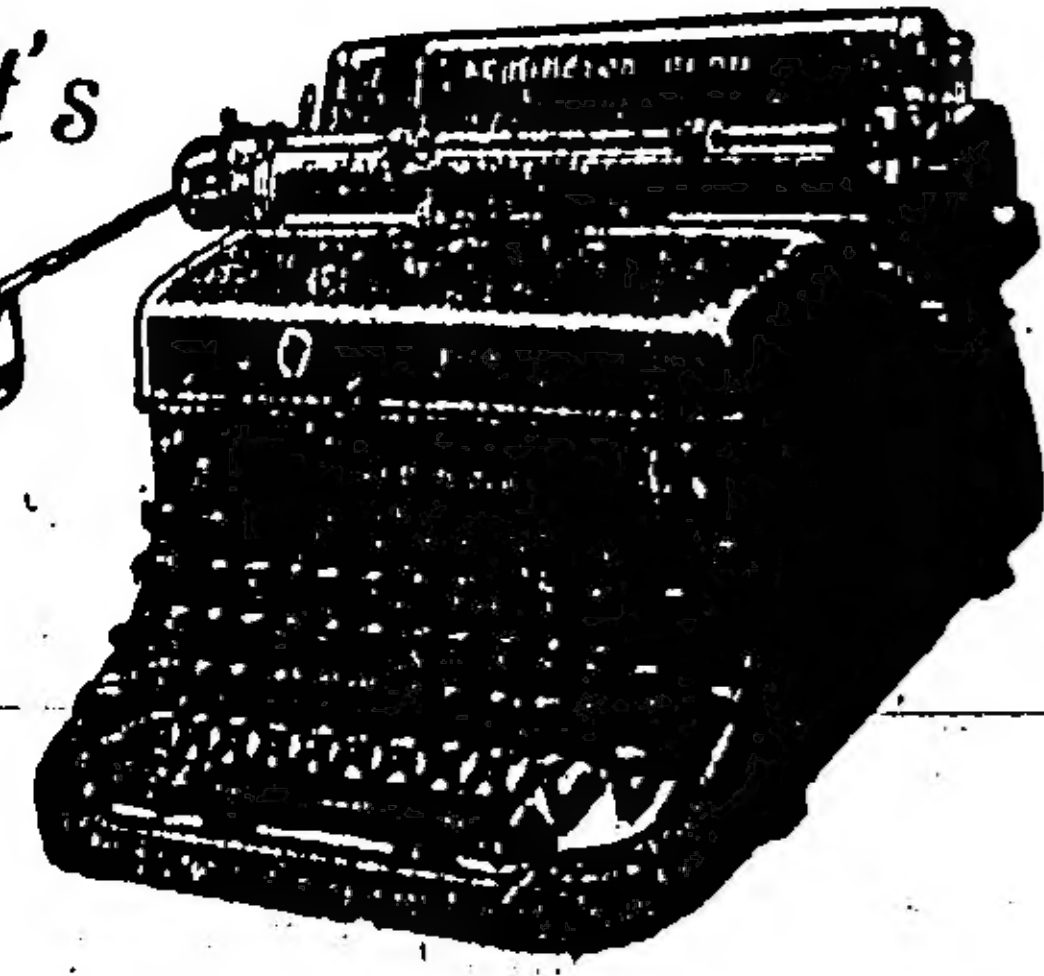
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BRITISH ENVOYS GATHER

London, July 18. British diplomatic envoys and representatives from the Middle East are today gathering in Britain for the four-day London conference which Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, has called for Thursday.

Arrivals at London Airport today were Sir William Houston, British Minister to the Lebanon, and Sir Hugh Dow, Consul-General in Palestine. Sir Ronald Campbell, Ambassador to Egypt, is reported from Cairo to be on his way, while Sir John Troutbeck, head of the British Middle East Office, is expected in Britain tomorrow.

Among those already here are Sir Henry Mark, Ambassador to Iraq, and Sir Alex Kirkbride, Minister to Transjordan.

The conference, which is described as similar to the one held in the autumn of 1945, has three main purposes:

1. To discuss the political and economic developments in the Middle East since 1945.
2. To consider current problems, such as that of the Palestine refugees.
3. To review the economic and social progress, especially that sponsored by the British Middle East Office in Cairo.

Mr. Bevin is due to open the conference on Thursday. He will have heard at first hand the views of Arab visitors to London.

He met the Regent of Iraq, Abdull Malik, last week, and he is to see the Emir Sayyid Idris El Senussi tomorrow.

The British representatives in Persia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the Governor of Aden are also to attend the conference.

SWAN UPPING ON THAMES

London, July 18. It was swan upping time on the Thames today. The Keeper of the King's Swans, with his two brothers, "ride herd" on swans for two trade guilds, went skiffing off to tag the baby swans born since last year.

They estimate there are about 100 of the fledglings.

It is an ancient ceremony and the Royal Swankeeper, Frederick Thomas, has been at it for 45 years.

His brother Richard has been Swanmaster for the Vintners' Company for the same period and together Herbert has had the same job with the Dyers' Company since 1923.

They will spend all week on the Thames finding cygnets and branding their beaks to show whether they belong to the King or to one of the companies.

The origin of the rite is lost in antiquity.—Associated Press.

London, July 18. Britain contributed another £12,000,000 towards the development of her colonial Empire last year, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, reported today.

A return of schemes planned under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, showed that British taxpayers for the year ending March 31 gave £10,302,084 in grants, with £324,625 in loans for 257 such schemes. A sum of £1,652,169 went for 123 approved research schemes.

Grants and loans approved in previous years under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts will be spent in 1945 amounted to £50,891,896, bringing the total amount of British money invested in colonial progress up to £203,171,574.

In that time, some of the colonies themselves have supplied £133 million for their own progress.

Of the total of £63 million allotted, £41,500,000 has been on the West Indies, nearly £3,000,000 on Mediterranean and Middle East territories, and £1,750,000 on the Far East territories of Malaya and Singapore, Hong Kong, Borneo and Sarawak.

Most of the £63 million—of which £25,000,000 has already been spent—is for communications, economic developments, health services and education.

North Borneo, devastated by the war, proposes to spend £2,000,000 on reconstruction and £3,500,000 on development. Half of this money will be British.

The mechanisation of fishing for co-operative vegetable marketing in Hong Kong and broadcasting services for the Solomon Islands are also provided.

Pacific Health Service

In the Federation of Malaya, money has been granted for five students to attend a course in London, and another grant will provide British training for two officers of the Singapore Department of Social Welfare.

In the Western Pacific, £108,200 is proposed for a medical centre at Suva, Fiji, as part of a comprehensive Western Pacific health service. All these schemes, it was explained, have been chosen to meet the immediate needs of the colonies in their post-war reconstruction programmes.

A new feature of colonial development in the next few years is expected to be the increasing interest and participation of American technical experts. At least two American missions are already abroad on these fly and veterinary research.

Further valuable contributions from American technical experts and equipment are expected to make up for the present shortage of experienced manpower in Britain at a time when colonial development schemes need urgent attention for the economic prosperity of the whole post-war British Commonwealth.—Reuter.

Death Leap From Bridge

San Francisco, July 18. The body of Trygve Arnesen, aged 45, of Bergen, Norway, secretary of the Norwegian consulate here, was recovered from San Francisco Bay today six and a half hours after he leaped to death from Golden Gate bridge.

Arnesen was last seen by his wife Carolyn last Wednesday. His car was found on the bridge today with the motor still running.

A consulate spokesman said Arnesen had been depressed since he suffered a head injury in a motor car accident four weeks ago.—United Press.

Stigmata Case In Germany

Hamburg, July 18.

Doctors are investigating the mysterious illness of a Hamburg merchant who is said to be suffering from loss of blood from wounds resembling the Stigmata—the five wounds of Christ.

He has lost so much blood since July 1, when the wounds are said to have appeared, that he has had to stop work.

The man, born at Hagenau, Alsace, in 1902, is said to have first shown marks on the head in 1935. After an air raid in 1943, his wounds are said to have become more and more like the marks of the nails in the hands and feet which constitute the Stigmata.

The man, a Protestant, has declared that he is not particularly religious, but that the appearance of the marks is always preceded by religious visions.

He is under observation by Professor Georg Anagnost, head of the Physiological Research Institute in Hamburg. Comparisons are being made with the classic German case, "The Miracle of Konnersreuth"—a 50-year-old peasant woman named Theresa Neumann, who is said to show the Stigmata in Lent and is visited by thousands of pilgrims.—Reuter.

Israel An Artificial State?

Kanachi, July 18.

Salim Hussein, cousin of the Mufti of Jerusalem, said here today: "The Middle East will not sit idle and accept the State of Israel in its heart."

Hussein, who is leaving here shortly after nine months' stay representing the Mufti, told a press conference that Israel is an artificial State and that artificial States do not live long.

"Israel is bound to collapse," he continued, "for American dollars cannot keep it going forever. We may have lost the first battle, but there are many more battles ahead, and we are sure we shall ultimately win."

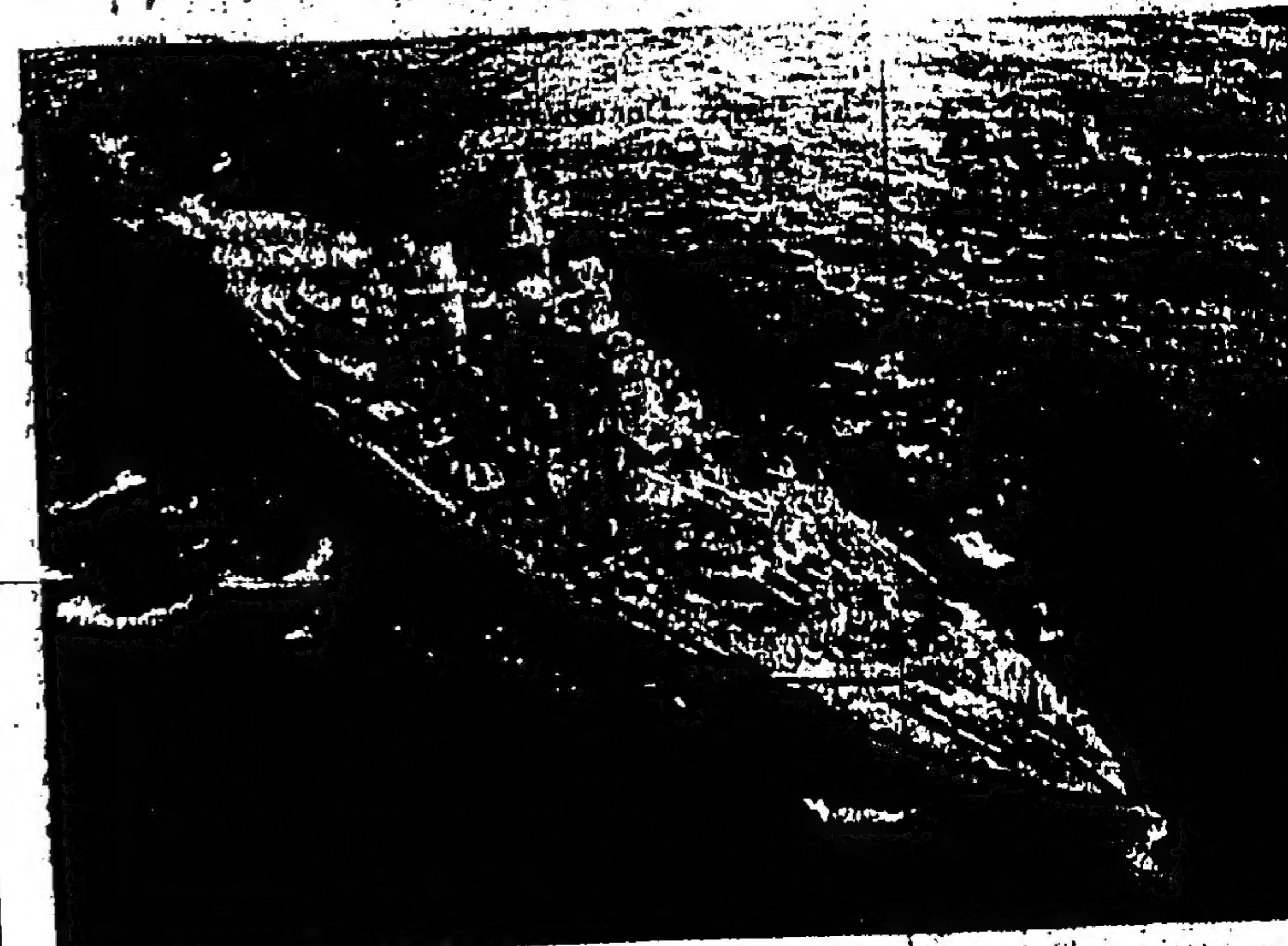
The Middle Eastern Arab countries, Hussein said, have intensified their efforts to regain what they have lost. It has been extremely encouraging to find that people all over Pakistan are keenly sympathetic to the Arabs he said.—Reuter.

HANGINGS IN PRAGUE

Prague, July 18.

Five Czechs condemned for an alleged plot to overthrow the Communist Government were hanged today in Folic prison. It was officially announced. The men were condemned on June 9 after a secret trial on charges that they plotted to set up a military dictatorship to be headed by General Alois Liska, wartime tank troop commander.—Associated Press.

HMS Anson In War Games



More than 100 ships of the British, French, Belgian and Netherlands navies put to sea for the Western Union fleet exercises. In command of the whole issue was Admiral Sir Rhoderick Robert McGrigor, who flew his flag in the British aircraft carrier Implacable. The exercises, described by Admiral McGrigor as "unique" aim chiefly at improving co-operation, particularly in communications, between the four navies. Photo shows the British battleship Anson, 35,000 tons steaming out of Mounts Bay. Under the command of British Rear-Admiral Edmond Walter Anstot, Anson led a British carrier, and French and Netherlands depot ships.—(Associated Press Photo).

CUTS IN COLONIAL DOLLARS SPENDING

London, July 18.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, announced tonight that he is discussing with Colonial Governments the vital question of the extent to which dollar expenditure might, or should be curtailed.

He could not say whether there would be any hard and fast percentage reductions similar to the 24 per cent cut in Britain's dollar expenditure.

Mr. Creech Jones was speaking at a press conference after the publication today of a report of the schemes planned under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act.

Commenting on the question of dollar expenditure, he added: "We want safeguards that the standards of living and the development plans are not going to be upset. We do not want a lowering of the standard of living in our territories and we do not want development work held up because of our dollar difficulties."

"There must be some restraint and some control regarding dollar expenditure both in regard to capital goods, machinery and other needs in the territories."

"We are hoping that we can make good any deficiencies and on the other hand, that we can provide certain goods from sterling areas."

Mr. Creech Jones said that some of the original 10 years' programme for colonial development had been "flung out of the original pattern," but the work is now being accelerated.

More technical experts and capital goods are coming forward, and they hope to catch up with the delays which have occurred during the past year.

Plan May Be Reviewed

It might be that before the due expiration, the original 10 years' plan would have to be reviewed.

(The report published today showed that Britain contributed another £12,000,000 towards the development of her Colonial Empire last year.)

Mr. Creech Jones explained that the trouble in Malaya had slowed down certain plans for social and economic development because the Government had naturally been pre-occupied with maintaining law and order.

But much had been achieved in development during the last year or so. Public health and educational facilities had made remarkable progress.

It is hoped that in October the new University College will come into being.

It had not been sufficiently appreciated that it was "something of a miracle, considering the difficulties, how the administrative and social services had been built up," the Colonial Secretary asserted.—Reuter.

ANCIENT FEUD THRIVING

Wheaton Aston, July 18. They are still fighting the civil war in Wheaton Aston and neighbouring Lapley.

So says the Reverend W. O. Eytton Williams, Anglican Vicar in this Staffordshire village.

He thinks it is unreasonable, especially since the war ended 300 years ago.

The Roundheads were fighting the Royalists. In 1645 they marched from Wheaton Aston to capture Lapley, a few miles away from the Royalist troops.

Now disarmed Roundheads of Wheaton Aston and disarmed Royalists of Lapley squabble over things like street lighting, flower shows and potato clubs.

The Vicar told villagers: "It is time some people grew up."

"It is said to find in a small community," he said, "a handful of people who wish to perpetuate an ancient animosity."—Associated Press.

THE RED TIDE IN FAR EAST

Manila, July 18.

The "Philippines Herald" editorial today called attention to General Wu Te-cheng's warning that Sovietisation of South East Asia and the whole Eastern hemisphere will be only a matter of time if China's vast territories are overrun.

The "Herald" said: "General Wu's warning is valid enough. Nations and peoples who remain indifferent to warnings such as that of General Wu or prefer to wait for coming of the Red tide with 'folded arms' as President Quirino said, may wake up one day and find their treasured democratic freedoms gone, but irretrievably."—United Press.

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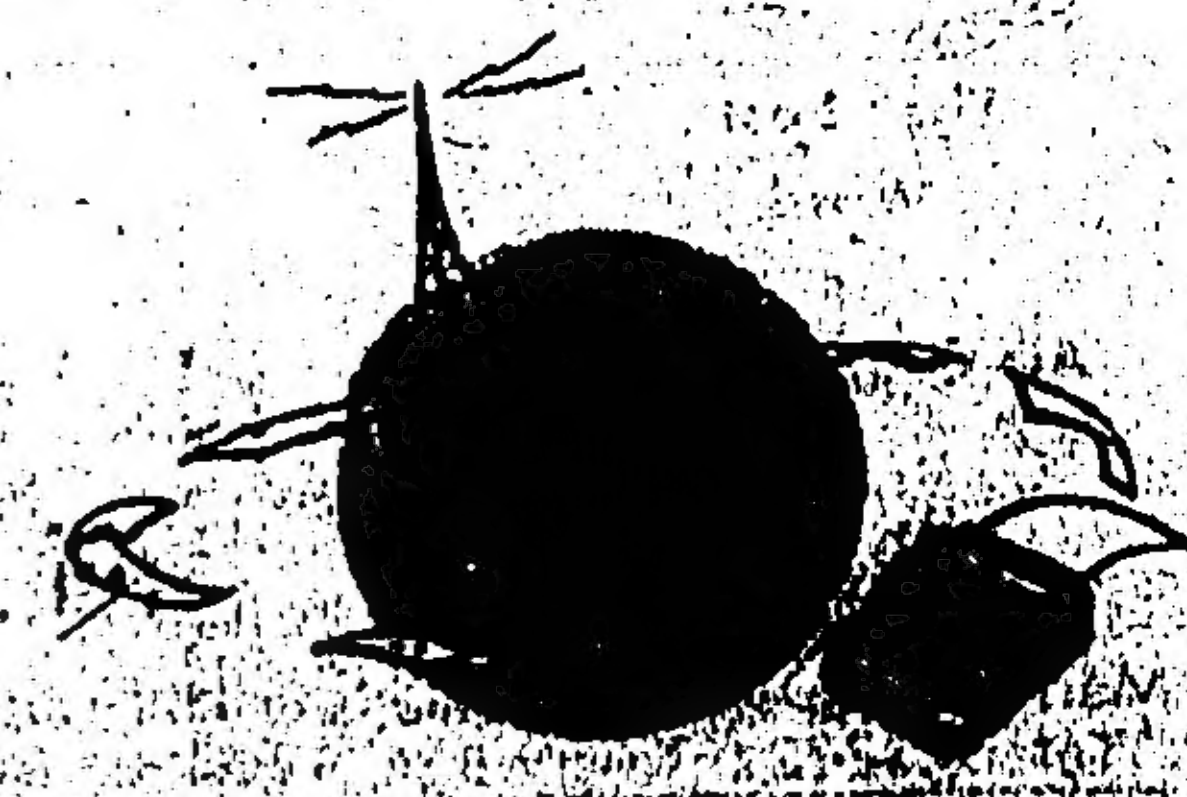
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Eden Accuses Cripps Of Under-Statements

FINANCIAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON

London, July 18. Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, told Parliament today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will accompany Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Washington for financial talks in September.

The Prime Minister said he will himself be in charge of the Treasury during Sir Stafford's absence in Switzerland, for treatment of a digestive ailment.

The Foreign Office announced that Mr. Bevin will take two weeks' holiday abroad from the end of this week before going to Strasbourg for the meeting of the Council of Europe.

It is understood that the Foreign Secretary will spend his leave in France.—Reuter.

JOAN BLONDELL ACCUSED

Princeton, New Jersey, July 18.

Harold Kennedy, Summer Theatre producer, today accused the actress, Joan Blondell, of cursing his cast and whacking him with a silver hand mirror.

Mr. Kennedy demanded that the Actors Equity Association suspend Miss Blondell from Summer Theatre appearances and said he will file assault and battery charges against her husband, the producer, Michael Todd, because of a dressing room free-for-all which preceded the closing of "Happy Birthday" over the week-end.

The Princeton police said they were called to break up a fight last Wednesday night. No arrests were made because no one would file a complaint. Kennedy said he would oblige. He said: "I am going to give Miss Blondell and her husband something to worry about."

Miss Blondell was unhappy about local talent used in the production in which she starred, he said. "On Tuesday evening, she used profanity against members of my cast. When I remonstrated she became violent."

(In New York, producer Michael Todd called the fight between his wife and the Princeton Summer Theatre producer the "battle of the Kitchens.")

Todd said: "Joan started to throw wadded paper cleaning tissues at Kennedy and I told her not to. It would have knocked him down. If she threw it when my back was turned, I'm sorry. Kennedy could not take it. She positively did not hit him with a mirror. That would have been bad luck."

Miss Blondell made no comment except to say that she intends to continue her "straw hat circuit" tour next week at Lakewood, Pennsylvania.—United Press.

London, July 18. The Finance Ministers representing 10 Commonwealth countries agreed at their secret six-day dollar talks here to recommend their Governments to follow Britain's example in cutting purchases from the dollar area.

A communique announced this at the conclusion of the talks tonight.

Without specifically mentioning the £100,000,000 British dollar purchases, announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, last week, the communique said:

"The immediate steps necessary to check the continuing heavy drain on the central reserves of the Sterling Area were discussed and the Ministers concerned agreed to recommend to their Governments action comparable in its results to that already decided upon by the United Kingdom."

The communique endorsed the statement issued after the talks here 10 days ago between the economic "Big Three" of Britain, America and Canada calling for a "pattern of world trade in which dollar and non-dollar countries can operate together in one single multilateral system."

It added: "It was agreed that a lasting solution of the Sterling Area's difficulties could not be found without a very substantial expansion of the Area's earnings of dollars and the most effective use and development of the resources of each component part."

Practical and positive measures designed to this end were discussed and accepted for recommendation to Governments.

"These measures, to be effective, clearly call for close and continuing consultation between Governments and the Ministers made recommendations for the necessary action to meet this need."

Committee To Be Established.

It is learned in conference circles that plans for Commonwealth consultative machinery to keep the dollar-sterling problem under review will be discussed in London later this week between the Commonwealth delegations.

Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand's Finance Minister, said after the conference that it is planned to establish some sort of committee comprising technical experts attached to the various Dominion offices in London.

Most of the Finance Ministers will remain in London this week and will be at the disposal of the delegation experts and advisers who will continue to meet to shape up the various proposals and provisional decisions of the conference.

Some of the more important of these are bound up with the forthcoming dollar-sterling devaluation talks to be held by the Anglo-American Canadian economic "Big Three" at Washington in September.

The Commonwealth Ministers represented at the London talks were Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Southern Rhodesia with Northern Ireland as an observer.

Cripps Statement

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said tonight that the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference has been "one of the most successful Commonwealth conferences we have ever held."

London, July 18.

He said it would be safe to assume that the dollar import cuts which the Commonwealth Ministers had agreed to recommend to their Governments would be equivalent to the United Kingdom's 25 per cent cut announced last week.

Sir Stafford said that he could not answer any questions on what was contained in the recommendations which the conference had agreed to make to the Commonwealth member Governments, but he emphasised that there had been a great many recommendations made for their consideration.

They would form, he hoped, the basis of both the immediate and long-term action which would be taken within the Commonwealth to settle the dollar-sterling question.

Contribution Of Colonies

Sir Stafford said: "One factor in the minds of all delegations during the conference was that a large part of the contribution to the solution of our problem was in the hands of the Colonial territories such as Malaya."

"We took every care we could to orient our discussions in such a way as to be most helpful to those areas."

Sir Stafford said that the crux of the problem before the conference was that of "immediately maintaining ourselves in a position so that we could take advantage of later long-term solutions."—Reuter.

PURGE ON IN SOVIET ZONE

Berlin, July 18.

The paper "Der Abend" today said that several high-ranking Soviet Zone officials have been arrested and that one has committed suicide.

The report can not be confirmed tonight from any official source.

"Der Abend" said that Professor Herschmann, director of the Academy of Arts in Thuringia, had been arrested in Berlin during talks with the Soviet Zone Education Administration, and taken to Erfurt to be tried for corruption by a disciplinary court of the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party.

Two other men, Dr. Paul Mueller, a Burgomaster, and Fritz Weber, treasurer of the same town, were arrested. The latter jumped out of a second storey window during questioning and was killed, the paper reported.—Reuter.

MP SENT OUT OF COMMONS

London, July 18.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Ellis Smith, was ordered out of the House of Commons Chamber tonight.

Mr. Smith, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, who resigned because of differences of opinion with Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, had protested against not being asked to speak during the two-day debate on the economic situation.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Francis Bowles, who was in the Chair at the time, told Mr. Smith to resume his seat or he would have to withdraw.

Mr. Smith refused and the debate was held up while the Speaker (Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown) was sent for.

When the Speaker arrived, Mr. Smith again challenged the Chair. At this Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, moved, that Mr. Smith be suspended. This was carried without a vote and Mr. Smith left the Chamber.—Reuter.

PALESTINE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

Haifa, July 18.

An Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement was initiated today by the representatives of Syria, Israel and the United Nations.

An Israeli spokesman said that the agreement will be signed officially on Wednesday at a ceremony in "No Man's Land" on the Syrian-Israeli border.

The announcement of the accord followed a seven-hour meeting between the delegations on the country's border today. Brigadier William Hiley, the United Nations Palestine Chief of Staff, and Mr. Henri Vigier, Dr. Ralph Bunche's personal representative, represented the United Nations.

The armistice talks between Syria and Israel began on April 5 in tent near Mishmar Hayarden, in "No Man's Land."

The chief question listed at the time were the Syrian withdrawal from Mishmar Hayarden and the exchange of prisoners of war.—Reuter.

MR. HARRIMAN IN PARIS

Paris, July 18.

Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Plan Ambassador in Europe, had day-long talks at his headquarters here with Mr. William John Kennedy, new chief of the Economic Co-Operation Administration Mission in Britain.

After the morning conference, devoted to a review of currency problems in dollar-aided countries, Mr. Kennedy told reporters, "I came here to report to my boss." Mr. Kennedy will fly back to London on Wednesday.—Reuter.

SNYDER IN TURKEY

Ankara, July 18.

Mr. John Snyder, United States Secretary of the Treasury, arrived here by air today. He was met by representatives of the Turkish Government, of the Economic Co-Operation Administration and by members of the American Military Mission.—Reuter.

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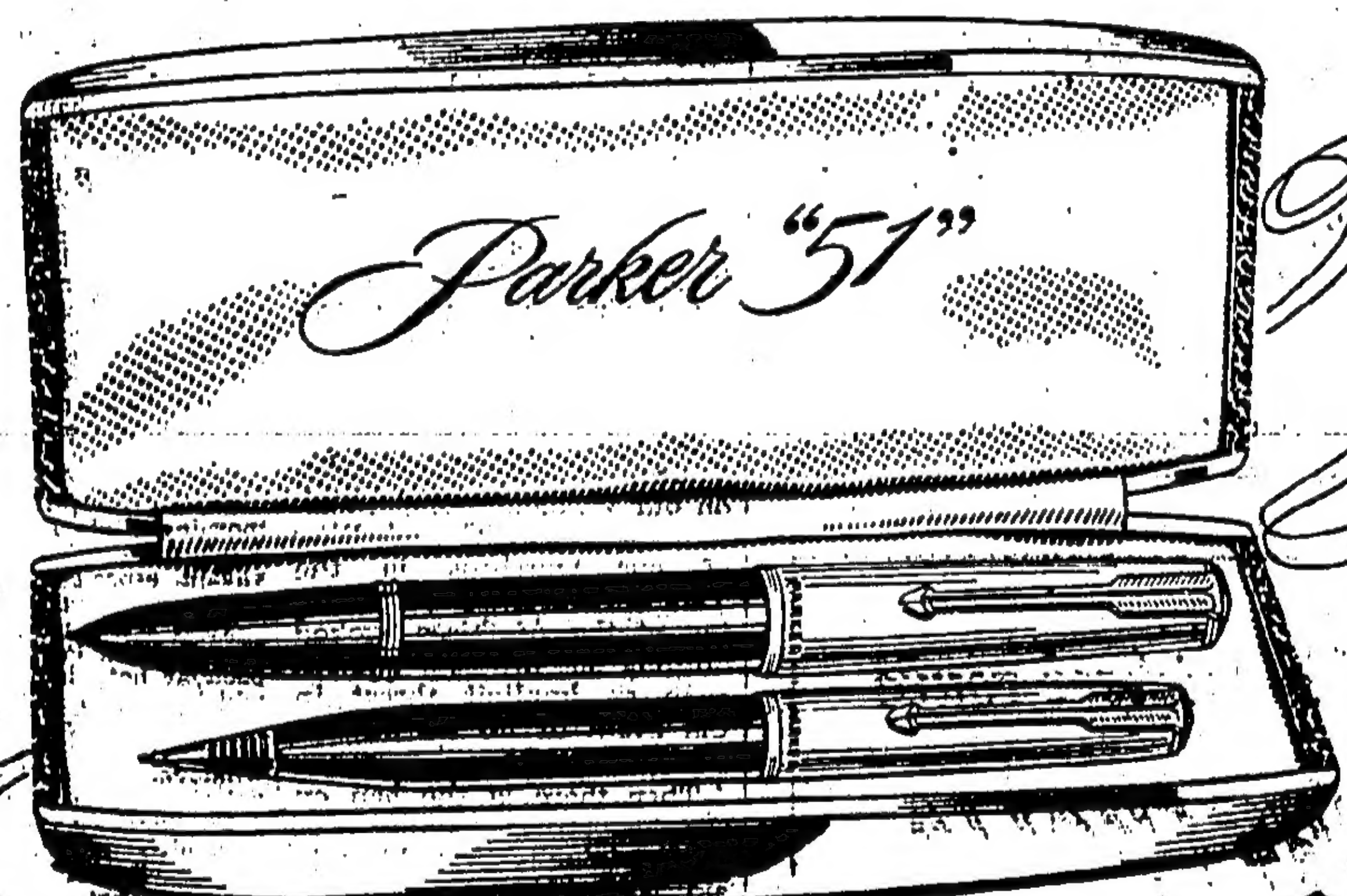
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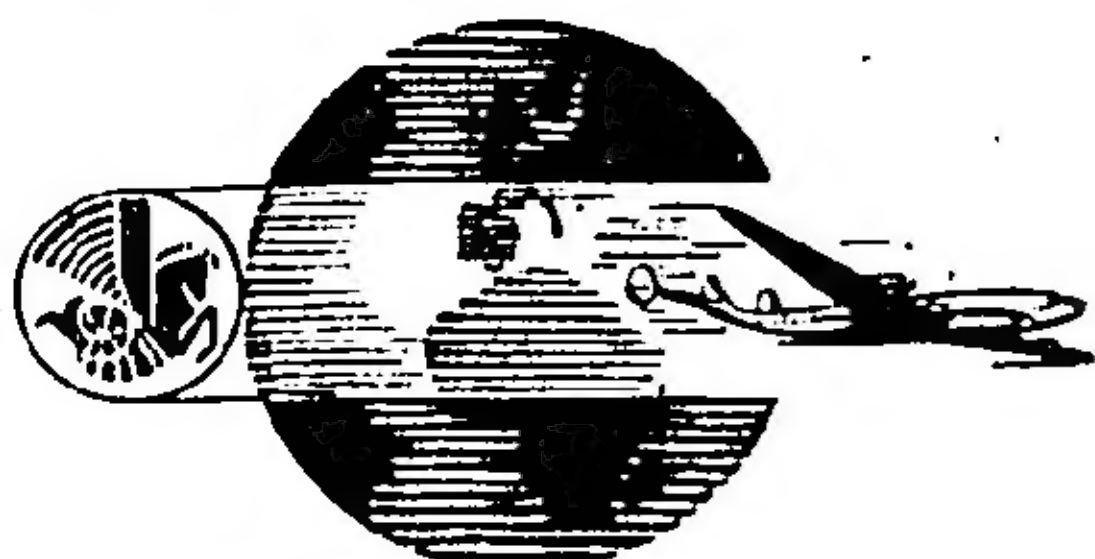
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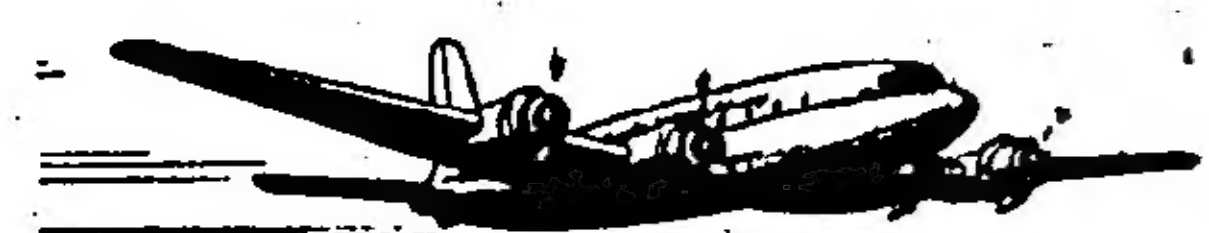
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There is at the moment a considerable amount of anti-British propaganda, not always brought to the notice of the English speaking population, emanating from both Nationalist and Communist sources. And apart from sections of the Press, no organised voice is raised in refutation. Government, still concerned, on encouragement from London, with trade at almost any political price with anyone, goes out of its way to low-to and pour out the oil of appeasement.

It is an unwise policy, one which we thought had been exploded before the end of the Chamberlain era. The refusal to stand down to any power when conscious of the justice of one's cause, which made Britain great—these are not qualities which have descended to the current Socialist rulers or nominated colonial administrators such as ours. Interested only in their short-term economic welfare, and lacking boldness or adventure, they are far from being typical of the British character which still exists, and will before long rise to the forefront again.

On the China coast instances readily spring to mind of the adverse effects on our wellbeing of the current attitude. The shelling of our warships in the Yangtze, and later the bombing of the Anchises evoked nothing but protests without even an implicit threat in the event of no satisfaction being obtained.

Then there is the ban on the import and export of gold, originally brought in to aid Nationalist currency, at a time when their own leaders were using every method of speculation and corruption to debase it. The confiscation of poor people's life savings in the form of gold, even when travellers were proceeding say to Canton, has earned us the animosity of many ordinary Chinese. Why should this practice continue?

It is also a matter of wonder to outsiders that we have never tried to obtain reciprocity regarding travel between here and China. Aliens from the other side of the border may pour into Hong Kong at will, without question, but if British subjects want to go to Chinese territory, they have to apply for a visa and pay for the privilege.

In the last issue of the "Sunday Herald," Graham Stanford claimed that Chinese airlines based on Hong Kong are operating routes unauthorised by the Sino-British Air Agreement of 1947, while Britain is allowed only one route into China from here to Canton. The Director of Civil Aviation was subsequently quoted by a contemporary, denying the truth of these statements.

On the other hand, we understand that the following routes are being operated daily by Chinese companies to the exclusion of British airlines, all from

A patrol of weary British soldiers returned to their camp a few hundred yards from the Yugoslav frontier in the hills above Trieste the other morning, after an all-night patrol along the "Iron Curtain."

Over a portable radio came the breakfast-time BBC news, relayed from London by the Force Radio Station in Trieste.

As the infantrymen threw down their tin-bats and snapped off the loaded magazines from their Sten-guns, a calm voice from London announced the latest news about Trieste.

The Trieste problem had again been discussed in the Security Council at Lake Success, and again pigeon-holed.

While the patrol had threaded its way through the frontier

darkness, Russia had again tried to confuse the issue by suggesting the name of an unknown brigadier as a governor for the Free Territory.

And Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan had again reiterated the British (and American) policy—that the Free Territory set-up has not worked and Trieste must be returned to Italy.

This policy was first publicly announced 14 months ago, but the British taxpayer is still burdened by the cost of 5,000 troops and an army of highly-paid civil servants marking time here on the Adriatic coast.

But today there is a new hope

that Russia may come to terms over Trieste.

The Free Territory was formed in all good faith by the United Nations in the autumn of 1947—to lessen tension between Italy and Yugoslavia, and safeguard the human rights of the minority populations, especially the Yugoslavs.

For during the Mussolini regime the Slavs were not allowed to speak their own language, have their own newspapers, or their own schools.

Last Sunday I went to St. John's Church in the Slav quarter of Trieste where a British serviceman was marrying an Italian girl. I arrived early and found the church packed with Slavs listening to a sermon in their own language.

New Democracy

During the 20 years or so of Mussolini such a service was never permitted. Later on in the morning an Italian-language service was held in the same church. This is democracy as introduced to Trieste by the Anglo-Americans.

Will it continue after we leave? I think so. Such was a good reason for the forming of a Free Territory—why then is the ideal now considered a failure?

The blame is on the heads of the international experts and politicians who drew up the borders of the new territory.

It was understood that the whole of the large Italian frontier province of Venezia Giulia was to be made a Free Territory—to act as a buffer state between Italy and Yugoslavia, preventing those two uneasy frontiers from touching, stretching from Austria to the Adriatic.

Instead the planners created a little comic-opera state. To make things worse, they divided this pocket state into two watertight zones, the British-U.S.A. Zone and the Yugoslav-U.S.A. Zone. The British-U.S.A. Zone is so small that when an energetic visiting Scots hiker went out for an afternoon walk from Trieste he walked across the Yugoslav frontier and was seized by Tito's troops.

It is not surprising that such a small state has proved to be an economic failure. Only millions of American dollars and Italian lire poured into the area have kept it alive. Even so

there are some 20,000 unemployed among the 300,000 population of the British-U.S.A. Zone.

Meanwhile in the Yugoslav Zone far greater misery is being experienced, as the zone is administered to a complete Communist pattern—down to Yugoslav secret police who talied this correspondent during a tour of the area.

Want Unity

The large majority of the people of both zones would prefer to be returned to Italy and securely tied to the economy of Italy.

Then why not return Trieste immediately to Italy, and withdraw our costly army?

Britain's Major-General Terence S. Airey, Commander of the British-U.S.A. Zone, recently returned from a trip to Washington where he discussed the problem of Trieste with President Truman.

Although both Britain and America agree on the return of Trieste to Italy, the return is not unilaterally. While Russia, Yugoslavia and the rest of the "Iron Curtain" satellites refuse to return Trieste to Italy, the existing set-up must continue.

The failure of the Free Territory has not been without its redeeming points. Britain and America have given both the Italians and the Yugoslavs here a working example of Democracy in the past two years, and tempers of both factions have cooled.

It may be some generations before Italians and Yugoslavs really learn to live happily as neighbours.

It will take the Yugoslavs long to forget that many of Yugoslav's two million war dead were killed by Mussolini's fascist legions during their two year occupation of large areas of Yugoslavia.

Only now are villages razed to the ground by Italian troops being rebuilt.

When Tito's troops reached Trieste in May 1945, there were, naturally enough, reprisals. Marble plaques on the bullet-pocked fronts of buildings in the centre of Trieste will for many years remind Italians of the spots where Tito's men lined up Italians and moved them down with machine-guns.

But after the troops go home, both nationalities will have to learn to live together and gradually forget the violence which accompanied totalitarian rule of either extreme right or left.



The State Department has to protest, of course, but after all, what USIS is?

Once the Foreign diplomatic circles in China were gay and lighthearted—but today they are all disconsolate.

Police in Tel Aviv have been having trouble with unemployed Jewish immigrants demonstrating. To them it looks more like the Comprised Land than what they had expected.

After September 1, the Gold Yuan becomes null by order of the Finance Ministry. Four months from null to null, as it were.

Ceylon does not like giving up its US\$. Too much like taking a tea-leaf out of Britain's book.

"You really love Harold, don't you?" said Myrtle's dumb friend. "Yes, and he's asked me to change my name to his too." "I wouldn't do that," advised the dumb belle. "Harold is no name for a girl."

Sir Stafford Cripps illness is stated to be "digestive" rather than "diplomatic." Due to the austerity diet rather than the prosperity "try it"....

The Far Eastern Nations should realise Unity begins at Washington, the same as Charity. (No nation should take place without permission of the Management.)

Things seem to have been going a bit off the rails up in Japan lately. Those disarmed unionists, not content with letting off steam, have gone a bit loco, looks like.

The Reds are reported to have been using "human sea" tactics at Ichang. The Nationalists as usual have used "human sandcastle" strategy.

I remember my niece coming down from Mrs. Stewart's the Brass' bedroom one morning to report: "Grannie's a roddy; she's got her teeth in an' her glasses on."

Last week our Police burned two and a half tons of Japanese occupation records. A good many greatly relaxed expressions will no doubt be noted in the best circles.

A "Spot" Before The Eyes I sometimes think that if I flew and drank hard, Some day maybe I'd spot a "guying tankard".... Surprised across the skies I'd see it skim.... At supersonic speed—full to the brim.... Think what a tale I'd have to tell the Press (Proved by the froth still damp upon my dress!)

Let not the name deceive you—It's no pansy outfit that has come to look after our frontiers.

Signing-off song for Formosa "Nationalist" Radio: "Red Sails In The Sunset" played by the Foochow Four.

Reconfulen (Malaya is to get the new re-diffusion service soon....) Then their nights shall be filled with buzzing. And the cares of colonial day Shall all be considered as nothing.

To the sleep they will lose this way

West Germans Feel
We're On Way Out

By JOHN FISHER

Within a few hours of arriving in Western Germany you get an impression that the British don't belong there any more.

You see it in the confident manner of the German porters, in the disillusioned faces of British wives, and in the frustrated gestures of British officials.

You see it, too, in official figures. At the beginning of March, 1948, there were about 13,000 official British troops in the German Commission; today the figure has dropped to 12,000.

We began to give up control of Western Germany as long ago as 1946, when the famous Military Government Law No. 57 appointed us advisers, instead of controllers, to the German Provincial Governments.

Today only the British Army of the Rhine can claim the role of controllers in the British Zone, and British soldiers, right in the heart of Germany, spend most of their time training in such remote places as Luneberg Heath.

The German policeman runs Germany today, and precious little satisfaction is to be got from him unless he chooses to give it.

And the German policeman will probably run the country still more pervasively after the terms of the Occupation Statute (now being hammered out between the French, British, and the Americans) is published.

Nothing that I say here applies to Berlin. So far as I can see, we are as determined as ever to stop there, and the Germans are grateful for it.

But in Western Germany they have a general attitude of unadmitted tolerance toward the British. As is illustrated by the drivers of the different German People's Cars which I used while touring.

I often wondered why they kept their engines running all morning while I was interviewing people. It seemed extravagant, especially if there wasn't anything wrong with the starter.

Then I learned the answer. The German People's Car has a peculiar not air heating system which works only when the motor is running, and German drivers like to keep warm, whatever the British petrol regulations have to say.

One lunchtime as I was talking to a high official of the North-West German Broadcasting Station (yes, we have handed that over to the Germans) I asked: "And I suppose you are allowed to say pretty well anything you like nowadays?"

"Oh, yes," was the answer, "why, months ago we ran a talk asking the British Control Commission to send out a better type of man to Germany?"

Great Difficulties
Of course, British officials are working under great difficulties. Said one: "How can we expect

Hong Kong:—Chungking, Kunming, Swatow, Amoy, Taipei, Tainan, and Tokyo via Taipei. There is apparently no authority for any of these seven routes in the Agreement.

Why was no reciprocal privilege for British firms obtained when permission was presumably granted by the Hong Kong government for these flights? Just what power does the rump of the Nationalist government have over us to ensure such one-sided agreements?

Certain interests deplore any suggestion of sabotage, and would like to see troop reinforcements smuggled into the Colony without the slightest publicity. We consider this a misguided view. It is necessary to stand up for our rights while there is still time. There is no suggestion that we should make provocative gestures, but there is an actual danger in going to the other extreme.

the Germans to obey our orders on dismantling, or our policy of not allowing them to build ships, when they get hints from the Americans that all this is going to be changed?"

On the social plane the visitor not unnaturally wonders why Germans should respect people who live on a lower standard than they do themselves.

Somewhat under these conditions the Western Allies with the aid of their troops, a Military Security Committee and an international Ruhr, control will still try to curb the more dangerous German industries, guide German man in their policy, and prevent Germany's exports, and strangle at birth any idea of a new German army.

They could still use as a kind of bludgeon the threat to withhold Marshall Aid, yet despite all these good intentions you get the impression in the British zone that we know we are on our way out, and that those officials who have not quitted the country physically have almost all done so metaphorically.

Dehydrated
Food For
Israeli Army

By HARRY C. DRAKE

"An army marches on its stomach." Taking Napoleon's word for it, two scientists attached to the Israeli Army have perfected what they claim to be the world's best packets of dehydrated nourishment.

Under the quaint labels "Manna" and "Black Magic," the two goods were issued to the Israeli Army during its recent campaigns.

One, a chocolate bar that does not melt in the sun, was found to be as tasty as any normal chocolate and many times as nourishing. The other, a concentrated food bar, was manufactured from pressed Jaffa orange treated with special vitamins.

So successful were the bars as a supplement to the normal rations that thousands were dropped by parachute as emergency food during the operations in the Palestine desert.

Now, local manufacturers, impressed by the foods, have applied for permission to produce them on the civilian market.

Trying both foods, correspondent Abos Gordon, reports that they need not have bothered. The bars are not as pleasant as all that.

Marriage Lore
In Morocco

In romantic Morocco where a wedding is a wedding (a recent ceremony cost £100,000 and lasted three weeks) correspondent G. D. McCormick has been delving into ancient marriage lore.

What he has discovered is startling.

Apparently, according to the ancient text books, a bride cannot be married properly unless she be familiar with the 64 arts of marriage.

First among these arts is that of singing. If a would-be bride cannot sing she may try her hand at painting or dancing. If these fail also, then the marriage must be postponed. It must also be postponed if the bride cannot sew, cook and adapt herself to the arts of horticulture, agriculture, carpentry and pottery.

Finally, the perfect bride should be able to recite verse, ride, swim, dance and handle a rifle. McCormick says that a knowledge of such arts is

Two Defence Views
Are Still Opposed

By HARRY C. DRAKE

All that is known of today's official principles of defence of Britain is that are double-pronged—aggressive action by a mobile bomber force, whose primary value is as a threat to deter aggression, and passive defence by the metropolitan fighters with their associated radar warning screen and A.A. guns.

Details of how those principles would work in practice are lacking, and little new can be expected to emerge from this year's air defence exercise starting this week-end.

Beginning over the centre of England from Lancashire South-Eastwards to Dover, this exercise again throws the out-dated 100 m.p.h. piston-engined "heavy" bombers against a defence organisation apparently little changed during the last three years.

So publication today of the third volume of Capt. Norman MacMillan's authoritative and very readable The R.A.F. in the World War (Harrap, 15s.) is of considerable importance. Leaving aside its value as an historical survey, its significance is in dealing with the evolution during the Mediterranean campaigns of the use of fighting aircraft as understood today.

Final Polish
The invasion of Normandy and the advance through Europe later put the final polish on the tactics as practised, but the reason for the existence today of the rocket-carrying fighter, the high-level fast-climbing interceptor, the strategic bomber and the modern highly-organised air transport supply is clearly shown in relation to the events which influenced their birth and development.

With those events in mind, the student is able to translate them to terms of air power today and decide the likelihood of finding, in the event of another war, the R.A.F.'s present equipment to be as obsolete and out-dated as the Gladiator biplane fighters, Bomber and Valentin bomber transports and Lysander Army co-operation planes in Egypt and Palestine which faced the Italian Air Force in 1940.

Clash Of Ideas
Of equal significance as a pointer to the struggle still heavily fought by ex-armies today—between the two great opposing schools of thought as represented by the two men who both became Marshals of the R.A.F.—A. T. "Bomber" Harris and Lord

A. T. Harris led the group pursuing the idea of the R.A.F. as the dominant war machine able to inflict such grievous wounds upon the enemy by strategic warfare as would bring about his defeat," he writes.

Tedder was the collaborator who sought to attain the end of air warfare in concert with the blows of other weapons, mainly those of the Army.

He emphasises that it was only by Harris's singleness of purpose that his bomber forces had been developed to the point where they were eventually diverted to the immediate strategic or tactical needs of the land forces.

Yet that work was a diversion from Harris's original purpose and a victory for the opposite group of thinkers within the R.A.F.

"It is therefore, not surprising that when the war ended Harris left the R.A.F. and went back to South Africa, while Tedder remained in the R.A.F. and became the first post-war Chief of the Air Staff," he writes.

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'VAMPIRE MURDER' SENSATION

Defence Admission Of Series Of Murders DRANK VICTIMS' BLOOD

London, July 18.

John George Haigh murdered five women and four men, drank their blood and dissolved their bodies in acid at the bidding of a dream spirit.

Defence counsel, Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, said this in Court at Lewes, Sussex, today in a dramatic bid to prove the dapper 39-year-old company director... to be insane.

"When the opportunity came to do these dreadful deeds, he felt that he was carrying out not only his own desires, but a divinely appointed course which had been set for him," Sir David declared.

Haigh is charged with only one murder—that of Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon, a wealthy 60-year-old widow but in the most sensational defence plea in modern criminal history, his counsel had eight other killings before the jury.

Haigh, he said, had confessed to all of them.

A Detective Inspector admitted under cross-examination that the police had knowledge of five of these, but had been unable to confirm the other three.

Earlier, the prosecuting counsel, Sir Hartley Shawcross, anticipated the defence plea of insanity by saying of Haigh's confession that he had drunk Mrs. Durand-Deacon's blood: "That may or may not be true."

When a man, apparently sane, is charged with a murder to which there is no possible answer on the facts, before he can look forward to a full trial of his sanity, he has to consider whether and how he can get himself "let off."

Film Star A Spectator

The American film star, Robert Montgomery, was sitting in the 137-year-old oak-panelled courtroom when today's hearing began.

While Haigh leaned back in his chair in the dock doing a crossword puzzle, occasionally smiling and glancing around, Sir Hartley read statements he was said to have made to the police.

One described how he became friendly with Mrs. Durand-Deacon at a Kensington (London) hotel, took her out to a store-room and "shot her through the head, removed her fur coat, emptied the valuables from her handbag and stripped her of the jewellery she was wearing."

After that he pushed the body into a drum and filled the drum with sulphuric acid.

In the second statement, Haigh was said to have admitted drinking Mrs. Durand-Deacon's blood.

In the third, Haigh was alleged to have said: "In 1944, I disposed of the body of William Donald McSwann in a similar manner (by an acid bath) and of Donald McSwann and Amy McSwann (William's parents) in 1946 by the same means."

Alleged Statement

The Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, prosecuting, said in a 40-minute opening speech in the small, crowded courtroom of this little country town: "The prisoner asserts in his statement that, having killed this unfortunate woman (Mrs. Durand-Deacon), he proceeded to drink some of her blood. That statement may or may not be true."

When charged with murder, Sir Hartley said, a man has to consider first how he could get himself "let off."

He met the Hendersons by answering an advertisement offering for sale their property at 22, Ladbroke Square (London). I did not purchase 22, Ladbroke Square. They sold it and moved to 16, Dawes Road, Fulham, London.

"In February, 1948, the Hendersons were staying at Kingsgate Castle, Kent. From here I took Dr. Henderson to Crawley and disposed of him in the store room at Leopold Road by shooting him in the head with a revolver."

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The first related to a woman "of about 35 years of age." He invited her to what he called his flat at Gloucester Road, "where I duly hit her on the head with a rock and tapped her for blood."

himself into an asylum. (Haigh had asked how a man could get out of Broadmoor Criminal Asylum).

Shortly after Mr. Justice Humphreys returned to the Bench for the afternoon session, the third alleged statement by Haigh was read in part by defending counsel.

The statement read: "In 1941, I disposed of the body of William Donald McSwann in a similar manner (by acid bath) in the basement of Gloucester Road, London, and of Donald McSwann and Amy McSwann (the parents of William) in 1946 at the same address."

In 1948, Dr. Archibald Henderson and his wife, Rosalie Henderson, also were disposed of in a similar manner, the statement continued, at Leopold Road, Crawley.

Concerning William Donald McSwann, the statement read: "I hit him on the head with a rock, withdrew a glass of blood from his throat as before, and drank it."

False Names

Haigh was alleged to have invented Mrs. Durand-Deacon to visit a building at Crawley, in Sussex, where her body was partially dissolved in sulphuric acid after she was allegedly murdered by the defendant.

Next day, the prisoner, using false names, was seeking to obtain money that he needed from the sale of the woman's personal belongings. The prisoner was said to have previously ordered sulphuric acid from a London firm.

The prosecution's case was that, after having secured the delivery of a large supply of sulphuric acid to his premises at Crawley, Haigh persuaded the victim to go there on the pretence of examining some beauty preparations and then shot her before attempting to dissolve her body in a vat of acid.

Haigh was alleged to have stated that between putting the body into the tank and pumping in the acid, he went round to the Ancient Priory Cafe for a cup of tea.

The statement said that he then pumped in some acid, went home, and next day returned to Crawley to find that decomposition was not complete.

A piece of fat and bone was still floating on the sludge. Then I pumped a further quantity of acid into the tank to decompose the remaining fat and bone. I left it to work until the following day," he was alleged to have stated.

Answered Advert

"Then I returned to Crawley and found the decomposition complete, so I emptied the tank off. I found the only thing the acid had not attacked was the plastic handbag. I tipped this out with the sludge."

After giving details of his contact with the Hendersons, the statement continued: "In the following year I took separately to the same basement the father, Donald, and the mother, Amy, disposing of them in exactly the same way as the son."

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Czech Cabinet Ministers Go To Moscow

Prague, July 18.

Six Czech cabinet ministers left by plane today for Moscow.

They were: Václav Kopecký, Education Minister; Ludmila Jankovská, Food Minister; Dena Nejdly; Emanuel Bláha, Minister of Technique; Alois Neuman, Minister of Posts; Joseph Poljhar, People's Party Minister, a suspended official.

The Foreign Office said the trip is a private journey on leave.—United Press.

Toll Of Chinese Floods

Canton, July 18.

Floods scourging China have driven 350,000 persons from their homes in the Southern province of Kwangtung alone, Nationalist officials estimate.

The Pearl, East, West and North Rivers, converging in the vicinity of the Kwangtung capital, all are out of their banks.

Floods are also reported to be causing havoc in the Southern or South Central provinces of Hunan, Fukien, Kwangsi, Kiangsi and Kweichow, with no estimates of the homeless available.

The Hunan Provincial Government estimates that 57,878 persons have been drowned in the province, but gave no indication how it had arrived at such an exact figure. (Hunan is in the war zone, so that any casualty figure is likely to be merely a rough guess.)

The provincial government described the Hunan floods as the worst in 50 years and said 5,000,000 persons face the threat of starvation.

The Nationalist Ministry of the Interior estimates that 20,000,000 persons are affected by floods throughout China, but said any figures on the homeless are guesswork.

Rivers in Communist-held North and Central China are also in flood.

Along the Lower Yangtze alone, 250,000 persons are homeless, it was estimated in Communist Shanghai.—Associated Press.

"controlling spirit" was determined that he should have it.

The dreadful deeds he had carried out, Sir David continued, were not Haigh's own desires, "but the divinely appointed course which had been set for him."

"You will hear the dream is repeated six or seven times, and the prisoner's account is that as the blood was taken he tried to get near the men, but could never get near enough, and he felt an overwhelming desire for blood, and, secondly, that his controlling spirit was determined that he should have blood."

The badge of paranoia, Sir David said, was that the victim who he suffered from it shows that his secret life of fantasy has not to be lived alongside the ordinary life of the world.

When Sir David had finished, the judge told the jury: "You are free to go, but your good sense will tell you, apart from what I say, neither to allow anyone to speak to you about this case, nor even to make up your minds about it one way or the other until you have heard all the evidence."

"Try to think of other things if you will."

The Court adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

FRIENDSHIP WITH UK STRESSED IN MANIFESTO

Paris, July 18.

The French Socialist Party today called for close co-operation with Britain and tighter European political and economic unity.

A manifesto approved at the closing session of the Party's annual congress here denounced "the liberal offensive recently conducted against Britain's Labour Government by international capitalism."

It added: "France has no interests in the weakening of the British Commonwealth on either the political or the monetary plane. On the contrary she must envisage a profound economic co-ordination and a fraternal co-operation with Great Britain."

The manifesto called for a long-term co-ordinated European economic policy as opposed to the "juxtaposition of national plans as far as achieved by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation."

"The necessary European unity cannot be realised by conferences of experts nor by negotiations between Governments," it added.

Socialist members of the French delegation to the Strasbourg Council of Europe next month will seek close co-operation with other Socialist delegates.

Admission Of Germany

"What we are seeking to create is not a Western federation, but a federation of all the free peoples of Europe, the door remaining always open to those who are absent today from the day when they have recovered their liberty," the manifesto said.

The manifesto urged the admitting of Germany to the European Assembly as soon as she has an elected Legislature.

M. Marius Moutet, former Minister for Overseas Territories, made a strong plea in the morning's debate for the Great Powers to formulate a common policy on Asia.

M. Moutet said that the present situation in the Far East is a threat to peace, but if the Great Powers show a united front they may find a modus vivendi with Russia.—Reuter.

PRIMATE'S TOUR OF AMERICA

London, July 18.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, will sail on August 24 from Britain on a two month visit to Canada and the United States, during which he will preach and address meetings.

The tour follows his acceptance last year of an invitation from the Primate of All-Canada to preach at the Triennial Synod of the Church of England in Canada.

In addition, the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States has asked him to address the Churches' General Convention in the autumn.

The Archbishop will address meetings and preach at Halifax and Quebec, and later will visit Victoria, British Columbia. The United States cities where he will speak or preach include Boston, Washington, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.—Reuter.

London, July 18. The Bulgarian Grand National Assembly is to meet tomorrow to elect a new Prime Minister in succession to M. Georgi Dimitroff, who died in Moscow on July 2. Sofia Radio announced tonight.—Reuter.

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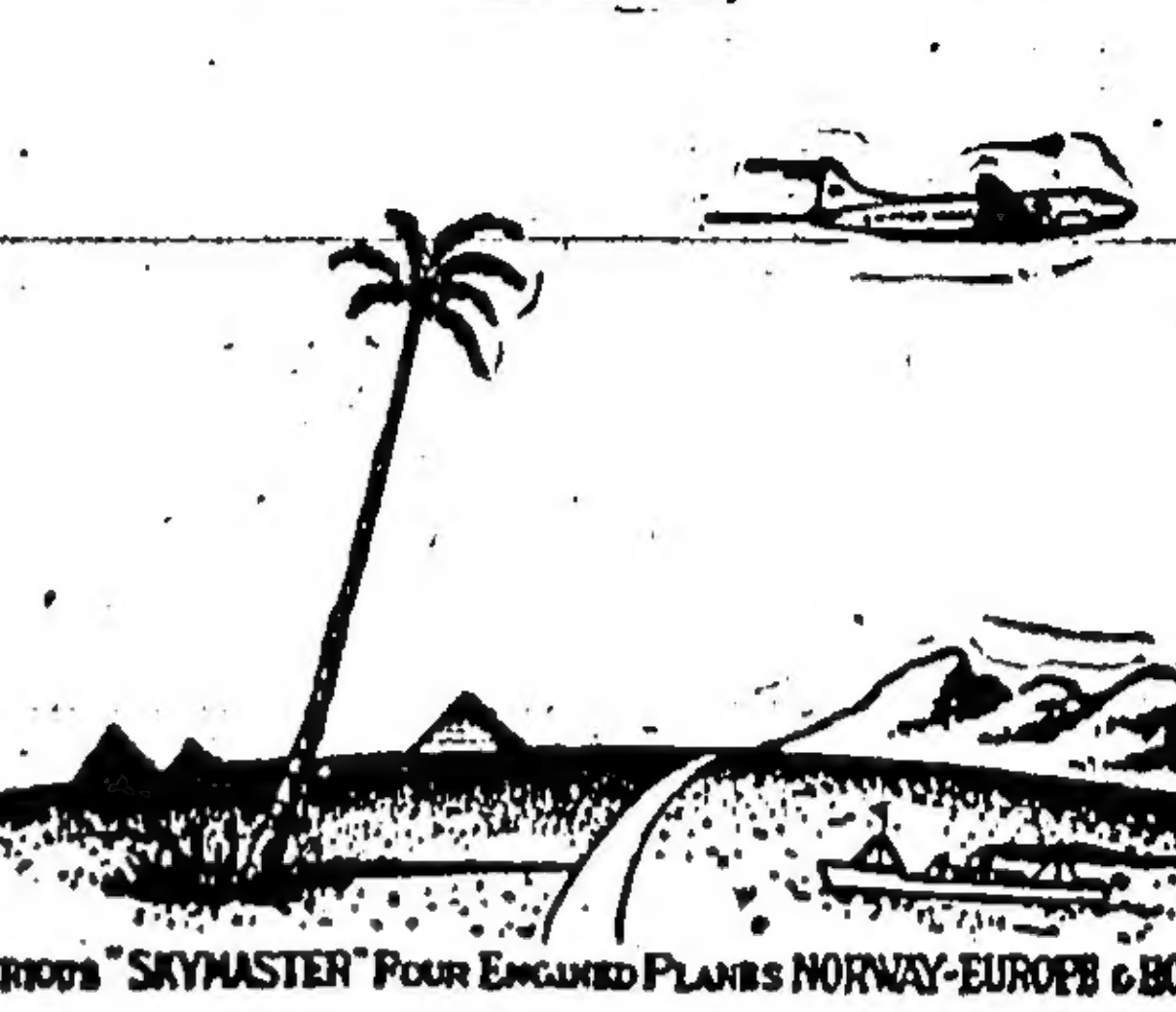
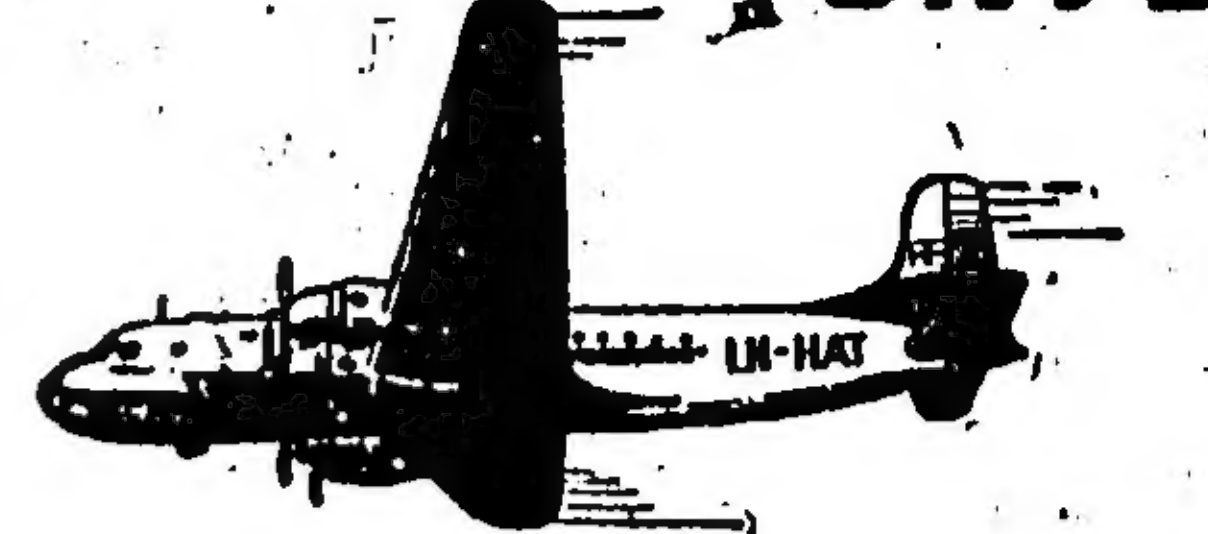
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Woman Today

BEAUTY IN THE HANDS

By CAROLYN EARLE

Hand beauty may depend to a certain extent on the general health, and some disfigurements cannot be removed until the physical cause is dealt with.

Prominent veins on the backs of the hands and perspiration are often the effects of internal disorders, and medical advice should be sought.

"Veins that 'come up' quite often indicate poor circulation, and usually show great improvement after a few daily hand exercises.

Tight sleeves, or cuffs that are too close fitting, sometimes tend to retard the blood circulation, and as a result the veins become clogged.

When the hands show veins prominently, try keeping them in an upward position as much as possible. Sitting in an armchair, rest first on one elbow, then the other, on the arm rests for some minutes, perhaps touching the cheek with the fingers.

Alternately, rest the right elbow on the chair arm, clasp the fingers of the left hand loosely and in such a way that the blood can run away from the left hand, leaving it paler in colour; later reverse the position.

Hands that perspire more than normally are disagreeable and embarrassing. Of course, any hands are likely to perspire through sudden nervousness or shock, or on a steamy day, but that is nothing to be concerned about.

People who have damp hands constantly can often change their food habits with advantage.

To much protein in the diet often results in clammy hands, so try cutting by half the amount of animal protein foods eaten.

Damp hands can also arise from a cause which is simpler to control. If a strong underarm perspiration check is used to eliminate too free perspiration, the excess must be wiped off elsewhere, and so the hands may become excessively damp.

If this is found to be the cause of clammy hands a better plan is to use dress shields in clothing, and a medicated underarm powder.

Some doctors recommend a 24 per cent solution of aluminium chloride, at least as a temporary perspiration relief. Swab it on the hands with dabs of cotton-wool, and allow to dry.

A little extra care externally, plus a slight boost for circulation, is indicated where such conditions as the following appear:

"Handpaper" or "goose-bumps" on the skin—frequently a problem of young people. Actually this skin just sneaks into the discussion because it is by no means limited to hands often appearing just above the elbow and on parts of the legs.

Treatment remains the same wherever the bumps occur, and usually they respond nicely to daily scrubbing with warm water and a soap brush, followed by a touch of cream or lotion. Don't forget localised exercise to step up the blood flow.

Rough, dry patches on the hands, and sometimes arms, usually are due to weather-beating. A little olive, or mineral, oil, or even skin food, rubbed in gently at night, and protection during the day with a covering of foundation cream or hand lotion will help clear them up.

"That faithful standby, lemon juice, is always a safe, mild bleach for slight discolorations" on the backs or stains on fingertips and knuckles. Rub the liquid on and allow to dry.

Keep a fresh-cut lemon handy when preparing fruits and vegetables; rub it over the fingers immediately the job is finished, thus reducing the possibility of staining.

Even though you may not particularly care for rubber gloves, tolerate them during work periods when hot water or strong cleansers are used. Dash a generous sprinkle of talcum powder on the hands before putting the gloves on to make them more acceptable. Other times have a pair of cotton gloves that can be washed out frequently.

If hands are thin and clawlike, try general fattening up. Massage daily with the cream, oil, or the cocoa butter type of preparation, and exercise them.

Opening and closing the fists and forcible separation of the fingers are two simple ones to start with.

For brown spots, the so-called permanent freckles that appear on mature hands, the best bet is to use a mild bleach and a cover-up cream.

If they are unattractively blotched or discoloured make up with a good powder base just as you would do the face, patting powder over the base to blend freckles or spots out of prominence.

Savory Tongue With Almond Sauce

Four to 6 'cooked' sheep's tongues, or 1 cooked ox tongue
1 tablespoon margarine or butter,
1 medium onion, 3 medium tomatoes (skinned if desired), 2 tablespoons chopped olives, 12 blanched almonds, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, ½ teaspoon mixed mustard, ½ cup tongue stock, 4 or 5 tablespoons fine white bread-crumbs, capers to taste.

Peel and slice tongues while still hot. Keep hot while preparing sauce. Peel onion, chop finely, brown lightly in melted margarine or butter. Put almonds through mincer, and add together with chopped tomatoes, olives, mustard, and tongue stock. Simmer 10 minutes. Add crumbs, parsley, and capers to taste. Pour over and around sliced tongue, serve piping hot.

Carrot Plum Pudding

Four ounces grated carrot, 4oz. wholemeal breadcrumbs, 4oz. finely shredded suet, 4oz. flour, 2oz. currants, 2oz. chopped raisins (or omit) currants and include 2oz. sultanas, 1oz. shredded peel, 1 tablespoon treacle, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 4 tablespoons milk, ½ teaspoon bicarbonate soda.

Mix carrot, crumbs, suet, flour, fruit, peel well together. Add lemon rind. Dissolve treacle in milk (slightly warmed), add soda, and stir quickly into mixture. Turn into greased basin, cover with greased paper, steam 2 to 2½ hours. Serve hot with orange sauce.

Orange Sauce: Blend 2 level dessertspoons arrowroot with ¼ cups water. Add ½ cup sugar, ¼ cup strained orange juice, 1 teaspoon grated orange rind. Stir until boiling, add pinch salt and 1 teaspoon butter. Simmer 2 minutes.

The Accent Is On The Practical



Drawing
by
FRANCIS MARSHALL

By IRIS ASHLEY

What could be more appropriate for a summer evening dance than a dress of soft cool cotton?

One great advantage of the dress pictured above is that it will come out of a suitcase all uncreased and ready to wear. The background is peachy-pink and the bold floral pattern is the deep green of lily-of-the-valley leaves. Designed by Horrocks, it is remarkably inexpensive.

The neatest trick of the week is the new three-in-one handbag. It is first of all complete in itself in one colour; then there is an outside cover which fits neatly over it, and which is reversible, each side being different in colour and texture.

It comes in many combinations, such as navy, patent and white; or the one you see here which is tan, crocodile and white. The materials are actually most convincing imitations of real leather.

Short hair is undeniably the rage of the moment, but to keep its shape it needs even more care than when it is long.

Also, hairless holidays are close upon us. There are new hair tonics on the market, one to protect dry hair from the effects of sun and wind, and another to correct and help oily hair. All good stores and chemists will have these in stock if you ask.

If you don't like your cropped head with evening dress, for evening "glamma" you can buy switches of nylon hair, which can be matched to your own. The advantages of nylon hair are: it is so light and, therefore, easy to fix on, and you can brush, comb, and even wash it yourself.

I've tried out Damaskin log make-up and found it doesn't come off on the sheets... and Ardene's sun-prime cream is a good powder base and really prevents you from

burning in the sun (though it allows you to tan—don't ask me how!).

Back on the beauty counter is that tricky little item called lip-gloss. A tiny smear of it over lipstick gives your mouth a shiny, rather lush appearance—if you can stand it that way. Max Factor also turns out an eyebrow pencil in a gift cover—at last!

Peter Claridge has matched up his perfumes with cologne. Not enough women know what to do with colognes. They are not meant to replace perfume because they don't last long enough. They are very refreshing used on the body after a bath; soak a rag of cotton wool in cologne and use it to clean all round your hair line, especially at the back of the neck, you will be shaken by the dirt it brings off even after washing; in the same way it will clean oily hair.

A bottle of cologne, in the drawer of your office desk can be used to freshen your hands. Seems wasteful just to leave the bottle in the bathroom, doesn't it?

Coming down to earth a bit, have you seen that frying-pan gadget? It is a neat little short which fixes easily on the side of the pan to keep warm and handy the pieces of whatever is fried first.

In the same department I saw a hand-size bulldozer. In light-weight metal it can be worked with one hand to pluck an egg or potato, or anything out of boiling water.

Another letter... all dowsy-eyed have I heard about the wonderful new labour-saver from America, the pressure cooker? Where do they think I live—under the ground?

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LONDON EMPLOYERS REFUSE TO SPONSOR NEW PEACE EFFORTS

LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE

Sydney, July 18. Australia's striking coal-miners only need an excuse to get back to work. Labour Party sources said today.

Early settlement of the three-week-old walk-out, which has tied up industry and shipping, and put nearly 500,000 people out of work, was forebodingly yesterday when miners at Colliery, Western Australia, returned to work.

At the same time, the Mining Union's Council said that it will be willing to attend any peace talks called by the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Moderate unionists, and today they believe that the strike, quickly, despite plans of the Miners' Federation to counter propaganda launched against the walk-out by the Australian Labour Party.

According to reports from Melbourne, the unions involved are expected to agree to the untangling of coal which has lain in the holds of the 7,000-ton Canadian collier "Halligan Duke" for nearly five months.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions, yesterday ruled that the "black" ban on the ship was improperly imposed by the Australian Seamen's Union.—Press.

Talks On Kashmir Problem

Karachi, July 18. Indian and Pakistani military leaders had a first joint meeting with the Truce Sub-Committee of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan here today in an effort to establish a cease-fire line in Kashmir.

General Munir Durrani, the Committee's military adviser, attended. Mr. Hernando Santer, of Colombia, who presided on behalf of the commission, said that the delegations are aware of the great advantages which would result for both governments from an agreed cease-fire line, and that they are equally conscious of the inherent dangers of the present undefined situation.

He emphasised that the line which had been presented to the Commission is to serve only as a basis for discussion, and that it had been drawn in the light of the factual positions.

That line curves with it no prejudice of a future agreement in political issues relating to a truce.

India's delegation is led by Lieutenant-General Shrinagendra and Pakistan's delegate by Major-General Cawthorne.

Mr. William Williams, of the United States, is the second member of the Commission's Truce Sub-Committee.—Reuter.

ROUND-UP IN THE LEBANON

Beirut, July 18. The Lebanese Government today began rounding up another political party, the Al Katayeh (Phalangists), sealing its offices, taking 13 arrests and confiscating arms. The Party membership is estimated at 30,000. Lebanese extremists.

The death sentences pronounced on 12 members of the Lebanese "Syrian National Party" which was dissolved last month on the grounds that it was preparing a coup d'etat, have been submitted to the military Commission for final judgment.—Reuter.

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London, July 18. Hope of an early settlement of the dock dispute, now holding up 71 vessels in the Port of London, faded tonight when Port employers refused to sponsor a new peace effort.

The British Shipping Federation, announcing that it could not intervene in the Canadian dispute which set off the London trouble, rejected a proposal that it should bring together Canadian ship-owners here and striking members of the Canadian Seamen's Union.

The Government is tonight holding additional troops in readiness to join more than 6,000 Army and Air Force men already handling cargoes on 67 ships along the waterfront.

The drift from work of dockers refusing to handle cargoes on Canadian ships involved in the Canadian inter-union "war" is unchecked.

Sixty per cent of the crew of the Beaverbrook—one of the two Canadian ships over which the 20-day-old London dock dispute began—stated today that their vessel is no longer "black".

In a letter to the British Ministry of Labour the seamen called on London dockers—a pink total of 14,341 were idle today—to "find this worthless and misrepresenting dispute".

Leaders of the Stevedores and Lightermen's Unions, to which most of the idle London dockers belong, had asked the Shipping Federation to sponsor a meeting of Canadian ship-owners and seamen to clear up confusion about an agreement signed last month.

Alleged violation of this agreement by the Canadian Pacific Railway was the direct cause of the present London stoppage.

A similar request to the British Ministry of Labour last week was turned down and the Shipping Federation announced that it was no more able to intervene than the Ministry.

No Concern Of Britain

"This dispute (insofar as it is industrial and not political) is purely Canadian and no concern of the British shipping or dock industries", the Federation stated.

The British Cabinet examined the latest position in the docks when it met today, but there is no indication tonight that any new official measures are contemplated.

The "Big Five" Emergency Dock Committee, which has full authority in the Port under the Emergency Regulations, toured the docks and later met at its headquarters.

Workers at London's Smithfield meat market decided by a "fair majority" tonight not to strike in support of the dock workers, a spokesman announced. But they did re-affirm their recent decision to boycott all meat unloaded by trucks.

The Central Strike Committee in Britain of the Canadian Seamen's Union said in a statement that the refusal of the ship-owners to meet and discuss a settlement "proves that they are not interested in ending the strike".

"Betrayal Of Fellows"

"The Canadian Seamen's Union is willing at any time to meet with the ship-owners or any other party for the purpose of discussing a means of settlement," the statement asserted.

"We believe that the strike can end at any time the ship-owners are prepared to sign an agreement based on last year's wages and conditions.

Referring today's statement by seafarers aboard the Beaverbrook that their ship is no longer "black", the CSU said: "By far the majority of the seamen from the two strike-bound ships Beaverbrook and Argomont are still officially on strike."

The statement accused the Beaverbrook men of "complete surrender to the ship-owners and betrayal of their fellow trade unionists" and said that their statement was "obviously inspired by the employers".—Reuter.

Algiers Dockers Support

Algiers, July 18. As an act of solidarity with London dock strikers, dockers at Algiers today refused to work the British ships Hebron and Venetian, loaded with tractors for Algerian farms.—Reuter.

WALLACE BID FOR SENATE

New York, July 18. Henry Wallace will be named the American Labour Party's candidate for United States Senator next autumn on a ticket which will include Representative Vito Marcantonio as candidate for Mayor.

Political sources said the ALP ticket line-up will be announced tonight by the Party's designating committee.

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M. Thorez declared that "for having in the past taken positions that did not correspond with the march of history, the Church of Rome suffered amputations from which it never recovered. It thus lost all influence in two-thirds of Europe."

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The Prime Minister, who told Calcutta Congressmen that they should "risk death, if necessary," in facing the problems of the day, is understood to have advised early elections and the provision of a broadly-based Ministry, including all Congress factions.

Mr. Nehru considered that these steps would restore Congress unity and stabilize the provincial administration.

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The Congress Party, which is in power, is split into three main factions, each centred around a leader on lines of personal allegiance.

According to an influential section of public opinion here, 77-year-old Sir Aurobindo Ghosh, sage and philosopher, is the only living Bengalee who can bring about a change of heart among the people of Bengal.

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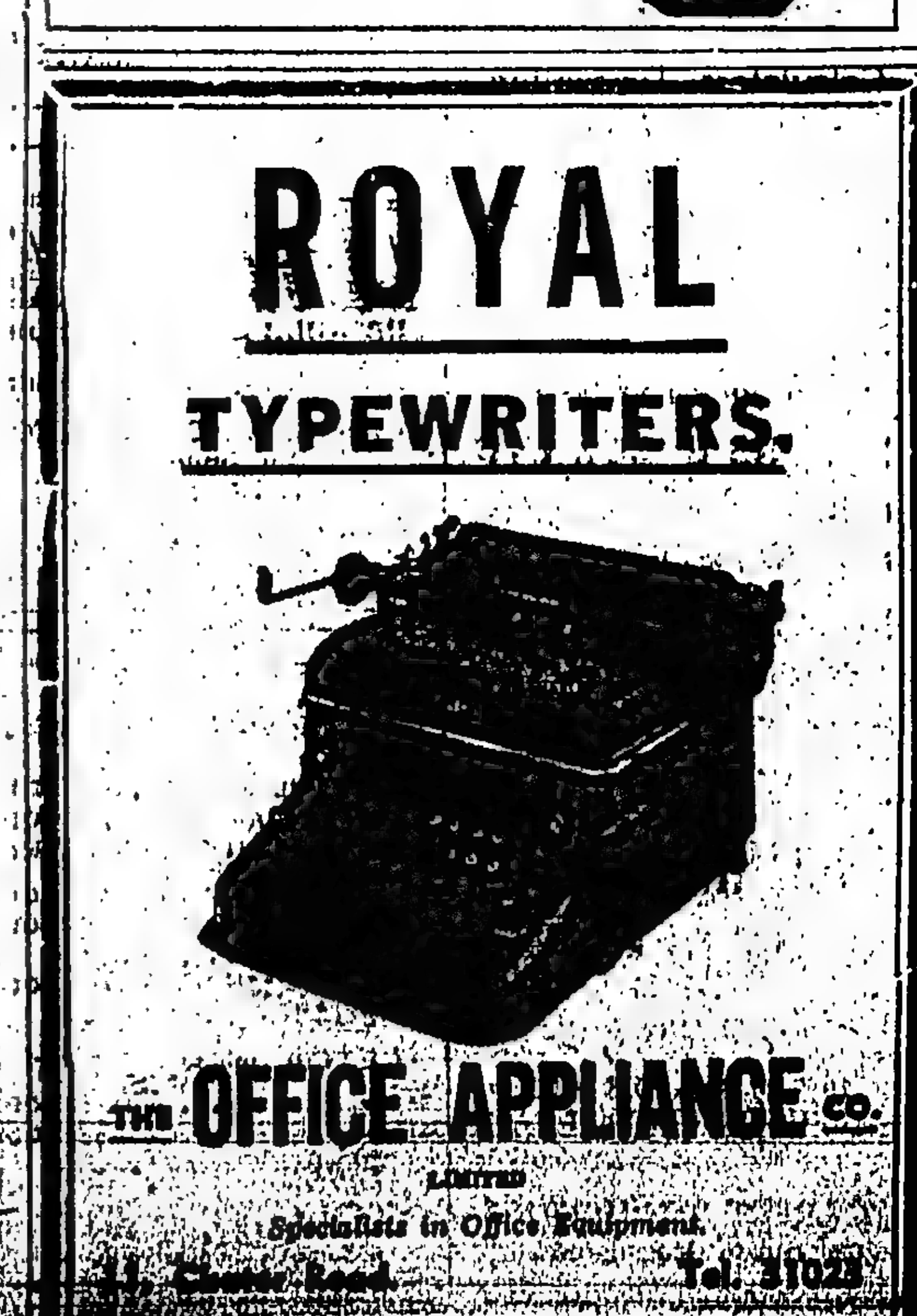


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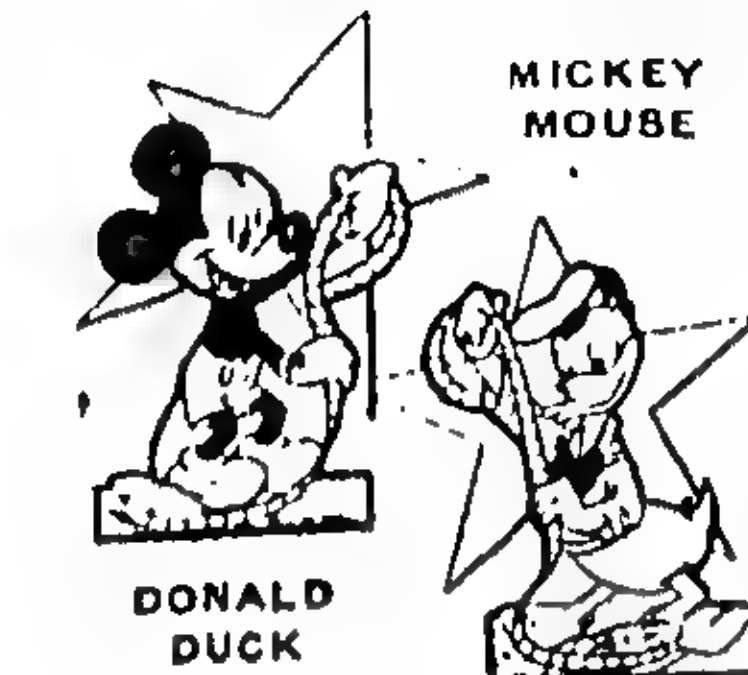
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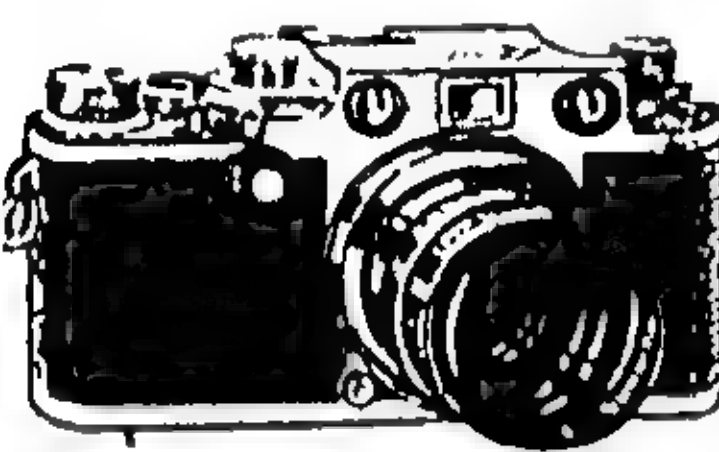
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TEEN AGE TOPICS



Our Japanese friends had their first party

Japanese Teen Agers

By BETTY BETZ

They said it couldn't be done, but yesterday we had
a party for Japanese high school kids at a tea
room called Bijitbu Club.
There were straw mats on the floor early so we all
took off our shoes before we entered the lovely
room with sliding panels.

The party was set for 5 p.m.,
but everybody came an hour early,
so I let the girls help put up the
decorations . . . Japanese and
American flags, and some of my
silly drawings.

The boys hooked up the record-
ing machine, carried in the re-
freshments, and we were all set
to go . . . even though we were
handicapped by not speaking each
other's language . . . except for a
few words.

Since they had come from
classes, they all wore school
uniforms. The girls wore navy
blue skirts and blouses which look
like sailor outfits, and the boys
wore a navy military suit with a
brimmed cap.

Only a few girls wore the tradi-
tional kimono, which is now worn
by the young people only for festi-
vals or special occasions. About
twenty kids sat on the floor
around me and we started by pass-
ing out hair ribbons to the girls.

Most of the girls had their pig-
tails tied with old shoe strings,
so a piece of yellow or blue ribbon
old wonders toward improving
their glamour . . . and at the
same time, adding to their vocabu-
laries of American words.

"I want a blue hair ribbon . . ."
spoke one girl slowly. I corrected
her and told her the word was
"blue," which immediately brought
so many requests for blue ribbons
that I ran out, and we had to
switch to green and yellow.

The boys were given silly crepe
paper hats which brought hysterical
giggles from the girls.

From that time on the party
went on just as merrily as any
American teen party . . . except I
think there was more laughter.

Don't forget that this was the
first real party for most of my
guests who live in this bombed
out city. It was their first intro-
duction to ice cream and cookies.

I gave them bubble gum, but
learned that they make it in
Japan.

I also found out that they
publish comic books here in
Japanese . . . "Blondie" and "Dog-
wood" are their favourite.

"Bongle-woogle!" I asked. This
brought roars of laughter and
they all clapped their hands. We
put on some Benny Goodman
records, which evidently were all
familiar, as these kids spend their
evenings at home listening to
American radio programmes.

I played a Dizzy Gillespie Be
Bop recording of "Pop
A-Do," but they didn't understand
it any better than American kids
do. The famous Japanese opera
singer Fujiwara, stopped in to say
"on a visit" and autographed
every notebook in the place.

Yes . . . I guess kids are pretty
much alike all over the world
when it comes to having parties.
And do you know that just like
in the States, all the boys sat on
one side of the room . . . and all
the girls sat on the other? So I
think that this teen problem is
pretty universal!

Among Ourselves

Many teen agers are taking
jobs during their summer holi-
days, but our reporters tell us
Wanda Rodriguez, who is study-
ing to be a teacher, is at present
working at a place in the Glou-
cester Arcade. And she thinks
it's fun. What about some teen
agers writing in and tell us
about your jobs?

Nice to know that the Topics
had fired the imagination of some
teen age party organisers as
Denis Ablong reports. Now
that you are on your holidays,
you have perhaps more time to
write on your holiday activities.
Your stories are always wel-
come.

Platter Chatter

Norma has announced an in-
teresting programme for Friday
comprising of request numbers
and a couple of records of her
own choice. I hope you will en-
joy them. They are: Theme
Song: All the Cats Join In (Benny
Goodman). The Mocking Bird
Song (Golden Gate Quartette).
Oh, Nick-a-Nana (Red India
and the Unnatural Seven). Far
Away Places (Bing). Denon
Jones (Louis Armstrong). A
Tree In the Meadow (Margaret
Whiting). Brush Those Tears
From Your Eyes (Evelyn Knight
and the Starliners) Bride and
Groom Polka (Andrews Sisters)
and Boogie In the Barnyard
(Louis Armstrong).

New Discs

Crosby is in fine voice on his
latest four sides for Decca all of
which deserve top rating. Ex-
cellent choice of tunes and or-
chestral backing make these
worth the price.

So In Love has made the Hit
Parade and Bing backs this with
Why Can't You Behave. Both
tunes are from Cole Porter's
latest musical success, Kiss Me
Kate.

Joe Venuti, the maestro of the
violin, accompanies Bing on Ida

I Do and Ain't Doin' Bad Doin'
Nothin'. The latter is in lovely
blues tempo and you will enjoy
Bing's vocal as well as Venuti's
inimitable violin style.

Another hit parader is Victor's
Sunflower by Ray McKinley,
drummer—singer—leader. Mc-
Kinley was associated with Will
Bradley in the original Boogie
woogie, Beat Me Daddy, Scrub Me
Mama; Down the Road A-Piece
etc. As Sergeant McKinley, Ray
drummed for Glenn Miller's Air
Force Band which was stationed
in England during the last years
of the war.

Columbia's Claude Thornhill
has two lovely sides, one new
and the other old. Early Au-
tumn and Oh, You Beautiful Doll.
Both numbers carry good vocals
but the feature of these is the
delicate piano playing of Thorn-
hill.

Capital has a fast climbing fa-
vourite in Peggy Lee's Ball, Ha!
which is one of the best melodies
from the Rodgers and Hammer-
stein musical Tales of the South
Pacific. On the reverse Dave
Barbour plays There Is Nothing
Like A Dame without the benefit
of a female solo.

If you care for Grace Fields
you will be interested to know

READERS' LETTERS

Recently an article appeared in
the "Teen Age Topics" suggesting
that ordinary parties would be
more enjoyable, if they were cele-
brated with something novel, such
as a Barn Dance or Fancy Dress
Ball.

The Saint Theresa's Club, which
is locally famous for its past ho-
nours held a Barn Dance at The
Little Flower Club last Saturday
to honour their Badminton
champs.

This just goes to show you, how
widely read the "Teen Age Topics"
is.

I reckon this is the first Barn
Dance ever held in Hong Kong
since grand-pa's days.

The Little Flower Club's pow-
dered floor was strewn with straw
and it's walls cleverly decorated
with cardboard—cow-puncher
figures and posters, such as
"Thurs gold in down the hills".
The way the teen agers swung
the Old Barn Dance would have
made grand-ma turn in her grave.

that her latest is Susy which,
on London Records, is supported
by the oldie Let It Be Sweet-
hearts All Over Again.

It is not generally known that
Gene Krupa was one of the first
to wax a hit bebop number and
if you are not hep to Bebop you,
too, will ask WHAT THIS?
Swing fans will approve of the
second side which, as the title
implies, spotlights Gene's drum-
ming. That Drummer's Band.

We have not heard much from
Dick Haymes lately but he has a
rare-fire platter with the An-
drews Sisters: What Did I Do?
(a new number) and the oldie
I'd Love to Call you My Sweet-
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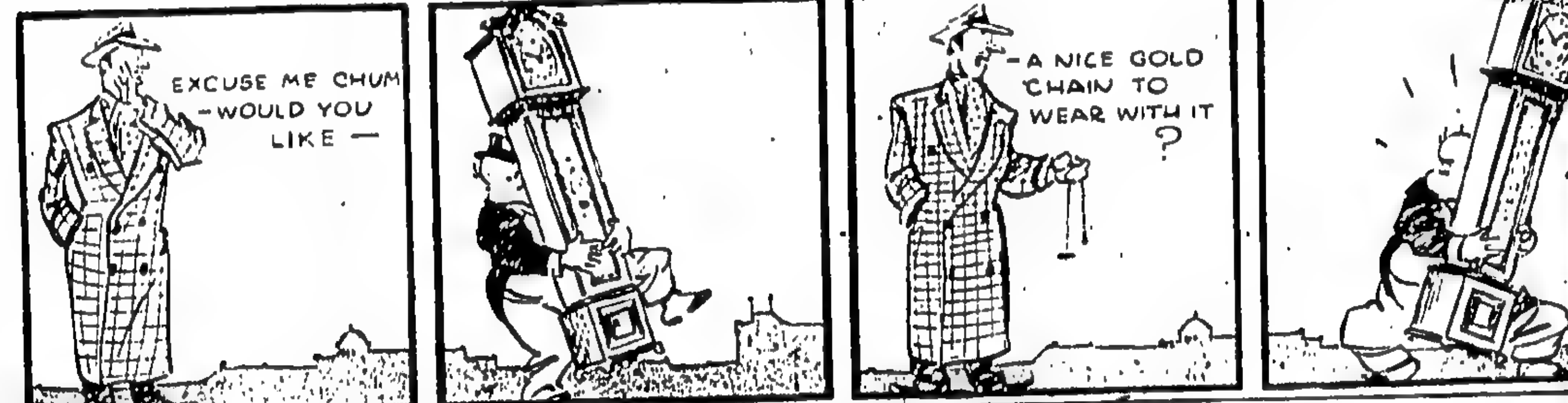
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through friends of mine who pre-
mised to send me regular copies.

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good to the youth of Hong Kong
and the surrounding states on
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dship section, I would like to have
my name enrolled in it. Kindly in-
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WEST'S OPPOSITION TO ATOMIC CONTROL

Geneva, July 18.

Second Life Sentence For War Criminal

Manila, July 19. Yoshio Tsunoyoshi, Japanese wartime commander of Camps prison camp where an estimated 20,000 Bataan survivors perished, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labour.

It was the second such sentence that Tsunoyoshi drew. The United States occupation forces in Japan convicted him on a charge of responsibility for American deaths in the Philippines. At the Philippine arraignment, the National War Crimes Commission declined the defence plea of double jeopardy. The bench ruled that atrocities against Filipino prisoners-of-war constituted actionable new charges.

Captain Tsunoyoshi, who had command of the notorious death camp for seven weeks, admitted the prosecution charges. The tribunal convicted him for failure to protect prisoners-of-war from killings and looting, failure to provide life-sustaining supplies, and failure to properly bury and identify the dead.

The commission avoided the question of where Tsunoyoshi will serve his sentence. The former camp commander will be returned to Sugamo, Japan.—Associated Press.

JUSTICE MURPHY DIES IN U.S.

Detroit, July 19. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, former High Commissioner in the Philippines, died at 1245 GMT today of a heart ailment.—Associated Press.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.15 p.m.	Morning Prayer, (Studio).
12.30 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling" Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway. (HUTCH)
1.15 p.m.	News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.	Interlude.
1.30 p.m.	An Eric Coles Programme.
2.00 p.m.	"China Down" Hong Kong Calling.
2.30 p.m.	Navy Mixture Melodies with Betty Lee, The Bone Peddlers and Gaby Rogers' Seminars. (HUTCH)
3.15 p.m.	Light Orchestral Selections.
3.45 p.m.	Hil Lorenz at the Piano. (Studio)
7.00 p.m.	"Record Round-Up" Variety Record Programme presented by Jean Holiday. (Studio)
8.00 p.m.	World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15 p.m.	"March Hittler in the March" (HUTCH)
8.45 p.m.	"Generally Speaking" Both Sides of the Door by William Holt. (London Relay)
9.00 p.m.	"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
9.10 p.m.	Weather Report.
9.15 p.m.	"At the Opera" Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Act I, with John Brownlee, Ina Borge David, Franklyn, Kilmann, von Patsky, and other Principals. Chorus and Orchestra of the Glyndebourne Opera Company.
10.40 p.m.	Paul Weston and His Orchestra.
11.05 p.m.	Radio News Rev. (London Relay)
11.15 p.m.	Weather Report and Summary of News.
1.30 p.m.	Close Down.

Rediffusion

7.00 a.m.	Up With The Sun.
7.15 a.m.	Setting Up Kites.
7.30 a.m.	Musical Clock.
7.45 a.m.	The Ed. A. Keller Programme.
8.00 a.m.	News And Weather Forecast.
8.15 a.m.	Early Morning.
8.45 a.m.	Through The Looking Glass.
9.00 a.m.	Good Morning.
9.30 a.m.	Wednesday's Music.
10.00 a.m.	Morning Melody.
11.00 a.m.	Music For All.
12.00 p.m.	Keyboard Cavalcade.
12.15 p.m.	Time Time.
12.30 p.m.	Interval Signal.
12.45 p.m.	Midday Band.
1.00 p.m.	Singer.
1.15 p.m.	News.
1.30 p.m.	Orchestral Concert.
2.00 p.m.	Afternoon Melodrama.
4.15 p.m.	The Choice.
4.30 p.m.	Vocally Yours.
5.00 p.m.	Music Makers.
5.15 p.m.	Journal Calling.
5.30 p.m.	Harmony Hall.
5.45 p.m.	Radio Headlines.
6.00 p.m.	Kingdom Of Swire.
6.30 p.m.	The Jumping Jacks.
6.45 p.m.	Do You Remember? (Palm Springs).
7.00 p.m.	Evening Concert (London).
7.45 p.m.	The Super-Cola Programme.
8.00 p.m.	BBC News.
8.15 p.m.	Harmony Hall.
8.30 p.m.	The Daily Farm Programme.
9.00 p.m.	Dance Time—Woody Herman.
9.15 p.m.	Moonlight Serenade.
9.30 p.m.	The Currier Programme.
10.00 p.m.	BBC World News.
10.15 p.m.	Local News.
10.30 p.m.	Light Music.
11.00 p.m.	Normalia.
11.15 p.m.	Midnight Melody And Sweet Music.
11.45 p.m.	Close Down.

Fifteen non-Communist nations presented a memorandum today to the World Conference on War Conventions here, claiming that the conference is not competent to discuss a Soviet proposal to outlaw atomic weapons. The non-Communist nations have an overwhelming majority in the conference.

The memorandum was signed by the United States, Britain, France, China, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Pakistan, New Zealand, Cuba, Venezuela, Italy, Uruguay and Chile.

The Soviet proposal to prohibit the use of atomic weapons for mass destruction was made earlier this month.

Meanwhile, from Portsmouth, England, it was reported that the Royal Navy is to sink the cruiser it used as a target in its first test of atomic rays.

The warship is the 5,220-ton Arethusa. It returned to Portsmouth today after weeks of experiments off Portland, where it was bombarded with Gamma rays such as atom bombs produce.

HMS Arethusa is to be taken to a mooring off the Sussex coast and used as a shellfire target by other naval craft.

British Approach To U.S.

The British Foreign Office admitted today that it is in touch with the United States over general atomic secrets.

A spokesman refused to say any more than that when reporter at a daily news conference asked him with questions about the state of Anglo-American relations on atomic affairs.

He refused to confirm or deny that Britain has made any direct or indirect request for access to atomic secrets.

The questions were prompted by American reports of what took place at a conference last Thursday night between President Truman and his highest political, defence and atomic advisers.

One reporter asked whether the spokesman could confirm that Britain controls or shares control of uranium mines in the Belgian Congo, where the United States obtains its best atomic ores.

Some British newspapers have suggested this could be used as a lever to pry out

Vatican-Israeli Negotiations

Tel Aviv, July 18.

What is described here as the final phase in the negotiations between the Vatican and the Israeli Government will begin on Wednesday.

Monsignor Thomas MacMahon, of New York, the head of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, who was appointed last month, arrived in Jewish Jerusalem from the Old City on that day. Israeli sources said tonight that last-minute instructions were received from the Holy See in Jerusalem on Saturday, when Father Terence Kuhn, an American priest, returned from the Vatican.

The nature of the instructions was not revealed. The same source said that the scope of the negotiations will largely depend on the powers delegated to Monsignor MacMahon. These, they said, will be either to reach an overall agreement on the future of the holy places or else to limit the talks to secondary problems of damages claimed by churches and monasteries for alleged looting and destruction of property.

If Monsignor MacMahon's powers are wide, the Israeli authorities are reported to be ready to discuss the whole problem of the future of Jerusalem, and to present counter-proposals to an internationalisation scheme which the Vatican is known to support. In any case, Israeli sources added, the negotiations are generally expected to improve the relations between the Vatican and the Israeli Government.

Work on repairs has already begun in the Dominican Church on Mount Zion, where no monks are as yet in residence, although permission for them to enter the church has been granted.—Reuters.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ATOM DISPUTE

Adelaide, July 18. Professor Marcus Oliphant, the Australian-born atomic scientist, said today that although full and complete co-operation does not exist between Britain and the United States on the development of atomic energy, there is very good feeling among the scientists and technicians of both countries. He was speaking at a press conference after a meeting of the Anglo-American Atomic Commission, which is studying the possibility of joint Anglo-American atomic research.

secrets that the United States might prefer to keep.

The spokesman parried that question by asking for time to look into the matter.

U.K. Regretment

Officials have privately confirmed that the British Government decided early last year to go ahead with the production of atomic bombs and that the decision was conveyed to the United States.

There was some unconfessed resentment in high places in Britain when British observers were excluded from an American naval atomic test late in 1948.

Meanwhile in Washington the closing session of the joint House and Senate Atomic Energy Committee meeting due to be held today was cancelled. A statement was expected to be issued later in the day.

The chairman of the Committee, Senator Brien McMahon, indicated on Sunday that he would probably report to the Committee on the super-secret atomic energy talks called by the President last Thursday.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, July 19. Ship arrivals: Northern from Yokohama; William R. Lewis from Yokohama. Departures: Ocean Mail for Yokohama; Montana for Yokohama; Axel Salen for Manila. San Francisco, Ship arrivals: July 17, Flying Scud from Guam, Gertrude Macrae from Yokohama, Dartmouth Victory from Yokohama.—Associated Press.

U.S. TREASURY

Washington, July 19. Treasury position on July 14 compared with corresponding date a year ago. Total debt: US\$252,834,300. 254.94 and US\$252,810,503,001.65. Gold assets: US\$251,513,418,080.07 and US\$23,593,314,942.50.—Associated Press.

Jap Trade Talks With Mexico

Mexico City, July 18.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that trade treaty negotiations between Mexico and Japan are still in the preliminary conversation stage.

Mr. Alfonso Herrera, chief administrative officer of the Ministry charged with commercial affairs, said up to now only a basic agreement with the Japanese trade mission that toured Latin-America has been worked out.

The agreement affirmed that it is to the common good of both countries to renew commercial intercourse. It was disclosed, however, that the Government authorised a visit here of a group of Japanese businessmen and industrialists who will work out details of a final pact. Later, a Mexican group will journey to Japan to study the latter's needs.

Though no list of the goods that will move back and forth in the trade between the two nations has been drawn up yet, it is considered certain that Mexican wool, cotton and food surpluses will be offered for Japan's agricultural and industrial machinery.—United Press.

BULGARIAN HELP FOR GUERRILLAS

Athens, July 18.

In a report today to the United Nations Special Commission on Balkans, Greek liaison officer with the Commission, said that Bulgaria has increased her help to the Greek guerrillas because of the conflict between Yugoslavia and the Commission. According to the Athens news agency, the liaison officer said that the guerrillas have been supplied with arms, ammunition, food supplies and reinforcements. He said that the guerrillas have been sent into Greece at the request of the Commission. The liaison officer said that the Commission has been studying the possibility of joint Anglo-American atomic research.

Not Guilty Of Menaces Charge

On a charge of demanding \$20 with menaces on July 2, Wu Siu-sang, aged 25, a Sanitary cooie was yesterday found not guilty by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon and was discharged.

The defendant was represented by Mr. J. Stewart and DSI J. Brown conducted the prosecution. The prosecution story was that defendant on July 2 went to an unnumbered hut in Fuk Chow Street, in Tai Kok Tsui and there demanded the money from Leung Chung. There were wooden boxes outside the hut and defendant was alleged to have told the folks the boxes caused obstruction and was alleged to have demanded the money.

MERCHANT FINED

A fine of \$2,500 was imposed on Wong Yuet Sam, merchant, of 228, Des Voeux Road Central, 1st floor, at Central yesterday for attempting to export unmanifested cargo. The goods consisted of 27 bundles of children's felt hats, sun glasses, and plastic combs, valued at \$8,700.

The cargo was ordered to be returned to the defendant.

BROTHEL KEEPER SENTENCED

A 38-year-old widow, H. Ng, was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment and deportation by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon when she was convicted on a charge of keeping a brothel. It was stated by the prosecution that on the night of July 18, a raid was carried out at 170 Temple Street, second floor. Three Chinese women and two men were found on the floor. When questioned, defendant admitted that she was the keeper.

LICENCES REFUSED

Eleven applications for licences to cultivate Ung Choi were refused by the Urban Council at a meeting yesterday. The Council also rejected two applications for shop licences.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

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Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Okinawa and Japan, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for Hobei; Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy; Airmail for Chungking and Chengtu, (Reg.) 8 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Straits and Cebu, 11 a.m.
Hobei, Pakhoi via Hobei and Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Manila, Mombasa, L. Marques and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.
Hafephong, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Taipei and Pootchows Airline for Kowloon, Chungking and Chengtu, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Luchow and Kuning; Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy; Airmail for Chungking and Chengtu, (Reg.) 8 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Straits, Borneo and Macassar, Noon.
Hobei, Pakhoi via Hobei and Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Manila, Mombasa, L. Marques and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.
Hafephong, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Closing Times by Air
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Airmail for Kowloon, (Reg.) 8.30 p.m., (Ord.) 9 p.m.
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